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BRISBANE, ADELAIDE SURVIVE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

BRISBANE and Adelaide clubs received a one-year reprieve from the NSL Council of Clubs meeting at Sydney.

In spite of the pre-meeting indication that Sydney would vote en bloc to exclude the four clubs and limit the

\$12,000 per club travel component of the \$20,000 per annum affiliation fee, this did not occur.

The fact was that the

Sydney clubs had to break for a half hour discussion. Then they returned to do their own thing in a secret ballot.

The vote for the \$20,000 affiliation fee was carried 14-8 and that was the gen-

eral run of all meeting decisions - except the vote for the two 12 team divisions was carried 21-1. Newcastle and Brunswick Juventus were absent.

So the North Division will pick-up Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra and Newcastle, plus newcomers Inter Monaro from Queanbeyan - provided they are accepted by the ASF.

The awkward position with the decision is that Brisbane continues to be lumped in with Melbourne and Adelaide in the South Division.

Chairman Sam Papasavas admitted that this situation is imperfect, but felt that the delegates had opted for the best available option.

Obviously the Divisions will be more aptly named. Also there will be a big saving following the abandonment of the inter conference games.

In 1985 there will be a gain in credibility when the League returns to the conventional and equitable home and away format.

Allowance will be made for the traditional Australian build up to the season's finale by inclusion of final five and grand finals.

There should be money for leading clubs when the system gets into swing again at Olympic Park, Sydney Sports Ground or St. George Stadium.

Although clubs generally debated sensibly, the issue still remains that some \$12,000 in travel costs is involved to keep Brisbane and Adelaide operative. Is it justified?

One official said: "These clubs came in to start the

League. We can afford to retain original members."

Another school of thought was that the NSL was viable whilst Philips Industries Holdings were funding the League to \$500,000 p.a.

As another delegate put it: "Even many of the big money clubs are being forced to cut their cloth according to their diminished resources."

"They are now in no better position to compete than some of the less wealthy clubs."

The 1985 season proper will open on March 2/3 and end on September 1.

National coach Frank Arok is satisfied with the time allowed to get his squad ready for the World Cup clash with New Zealand in Auckland on September 22.

Although three Melbourne clubs were against the NSL Cup, it will go ahead. After all a properly-constructed Cup brought in a net \$100,000 in 1983.



□ TAKE THAT: Marconi's Tony Henderson halts the progress of Wollongong City's Peter Kotaminidis at Wollongong Showground. Marconi returned to the winners' circle with their 3-1 victory over the Wolves to consolidate their place for the top five playoffs. SEE STORY PAGE 9. (PHOTO: DAVID JELLINGS)



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ESCAPE
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KIWIS START HUNT FOR PLAYERS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

JUDGING by the attitude of New Zealand national coach Allan Jones, the Kiwis will have to pull up their World Cup socks between now and September 22, 1985.

On that day, Australia and New Zealand will clash in Auckland in the Oceania Confederation opening game.

Jones visited Sydney, Newcastle and Melbourne over the weekend with the particular task of recruiting goalkeepers Clint Gosling and Richard Wilson.

Gosling is certainly international material but he works at an architect's office and his employer is not keen to release him.

So much so that Newcastle expect to have to replace him with Steve Dorman for the NSL Cup final against Melbourne Croatia in Melbourne.

Jones appeared uptight. Things have not gone well in matches since the 1982 World Cup although the 2-0 win over Australia at Olympic Park in February 1983 was a shining exception.

There was none of that brash arrogance at this stage that characterised John Adshear's term at the Kiwi helm.

Jones said: "Top goalkeeper Barry Pickering's hip injury was so severe that I despair of him being a force again. Frank van Hat-tum is not at his top."



□ ALLAN JONES

"Steve Sumner has only had a couple of games in two seasons and he could be right out of the picture."

"Striker Steve Wooddin is still running hot and cold."

Key midfielder or defender Duncan Cole has also been on the injured list.

Jones says that Ricky Herbert will be a top defender but the other back four players could come from eight who are under review.

Keith MacKay looks the part, but much of New Zealand's thrust will depend upon Winton Rufer's release from F.C. Zurich.

It seems that there is a real chance for Australia against New Zealand, provided that Frank Arok leaves no stone unturned in his squad preparations.

A GREAT SOCCER SUMMIT

TWO of the greatest clubs in Australian Soccer stage a summit meeting at Henson Park next Sunday in a match which should attract one of the biggest crowds of the year in Sydney.

Leichhardt Apia versus Sydney Olympic — that's the big attraction expected to bring back the thousands of missing fans.

It revives memories of some monumental clashes between these teams in the days when they were known simply as Apia and Pan Hellenic.

That was the time, in the early 1960s, when crowds of 15,000 and more patronised matches involving Apia and Hellenic.

But we cannot live in the past.

The 1984 Leichhardt and Sydney Olympic are still among the finest sides in the National Soccer League and have been chasing the seemingly impregnable Sydney City for honours all season.

Leichhardt were runners-up to Sydney City until recently when Olympic leapfrogged over them into second place.

While both sides are desperate for victory next Sunday at Henson Park, perhaps even more important will be the entertainment value they will provide for the spectators.

There will be no shortage of star material on show.

Leichhardt have top performers in Mark Pullen, Mark Brown, Ian Gray, Terry Butler, John Bradley and several more. . . . But, as coach Fil Bottalico laments: "We are not scoring the goals we should — more punch is needed up front."

In the Olympic side, the magnificent midfield of Raskopoulos, Patikas and Katholos is the envy of all opposing teams, while the emergence of 17-year-old Chris Kalantzis as a thrustful winger capable of getting goals is another plus.

With home ground advantage, we lean towards a win for Leichhardt but, if they are in the right mood, Olympic could upset that prediction because they can be quite brilliant.

Whichever way you look at it, the real winners at Henson Park should be the spectators.



□ CLINT GOSLING: release problems.

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EDITORIAL

BELIEVE it or not, that hoary old gimmick, summer Soccer, is about to be dusted off and presented for the approval, or otherwise, of clubs in the National Soccer League.

This, despite the fact that when the controversial topic was last banded around, it was consigned to the waste-paper bin.

We thought we had heard the last of it then. Now comes yet another attempt to get Australia's premier Soccer competition switched from winter to summer.

This latest attempted resurrection of the summer Soccer corpse has been inspired by the drastic fall in match attendances.

But ideas born out of panic, fear or desperation are rarely sound ideas. The reasoning of the pro-summer Soccer people is ... "the game is in a mess so we have nothing to lose."

On the surface, that would seem to be a reasonable proposition. But we would question the hypothesis that Soccer has "nothing to lose."

Perhaps, indeed, it has EVERYTHING to lose.

Soccer in this country, apart from the constantly growing junior scene, could be likened to a boxer who has absorbed considerable punishment in the latter rounds of a contest.

In the final round, one good punch could provide the knock-out.

It could be that a switch by the NSL to a summer season would provide Soccer with that dreaded killer punch ... snuffing out the sport completely at national level. AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY fought long and hard four years ago to protect NSL clubs from summer Soccer suicide.

There were several reasons for ASW to adopt such a strong and positive stance, the main ones being: —

- The climate in Australia is unsuitable.
- There would be media resistance, if not from writers and commentators, then certainly from editors and programme directors.

• In New South Wales and Queensland, in particular, Soccer spectators would take enormous persuasion to journey from the inviting sand and surf to watch Soccer matches.

• Should the NSL go to a summer competition, while all other Soccer competitions were played in winter, Australia would have 12 months-in-the-year Soccer. And that is a ludicrous state of affairs.

We could provide many more reasons for allowing the summer Soccer controversy to remain the dead issue that it is, so what would be the advantages of seasonal switch?

Those in favour believe spectators would prefer to watch Soccer in the summer. ASW does not agree.

They also believe that if Soccer could be played in opposition to cricket, rather than competing with Rugby League and Australian Rules, it would gain greater media cover and extra spectators. ASW does not agree with that either.

It is reassuring to discover that

there is no OFFICIAL move from the NSL management or from any clubs to try to inflict summer Soccer on us.

Yet the mere fact that the excellent 0/28 TV channel last week devoted a 15-minute segment to a panel discussion of this issue indicates that the summer Soccer corpse is beginning to stir.

It is dead but it won't lie down. Maybe we should ruthlessly drive a stake through its heart to make sure it has no chance of revival.

Because, given the right scenario and persuasive speakers, we have no doubt the NSL clubs could once again be swayed into supporting this hairbrained scheme.

Clubs have proved in the past that they can be very easily led.

Less than a year ago, they voted for the weird 1984 National Soccer League format which has subsequently been condemned by every one of them.

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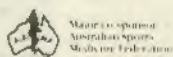


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QUEENSLAND ASK FOR ACTION

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND Soccer officials are expected to demand disciplinary action against the clubs which last week instigated moves to axe the two Brisbane teams from next year's National League.

Officials from Brisbane City and Lions are claiming Parramatta Melita, St George and Leichhardt were the "ringleaders" behind last week's "private" meeting which voted to exclude Queensland from the 1985 NSL.

They also have named relegation-threatened Sunshine-George Cross as the club which organised a similar meeting in Melbourne which discussed whether to retain the Adelaide clubs.

"Although some Sydney clubs would like to think they can run Australian

Soccer, they had no right or jurisdiction to make statements on the future of the National League," Brisbane Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said. "Over the past few months these clubs have had ample opportunity at the various meetings to put forward their views."

"But they have shown total irresponsibility and deceit to organise their meeting behind our backs. They have acted in their own interests and not for the development of the League nor betterment of

Australian Soccer.

"They have stabbed us in the back and it is time that the NSL Management Committee let these rebel clubs know who is in charge. Action should be taken against the rebels if the League is to maintain any credibility."

Mr Oudendyk's statements have been endorsed by Brisbane City officials and it is understood Queensland Soccer Federation officials are also annoyed that they should hear of the axing moves through the media.

SOCCER STAR'S CLOSE ESCAPE

LIVERPOOL star Craig Johnston escaped death by seconds when he was involved in a serious three-car smash in Canberra.

Johnston was a passenger in a car driven by ASW's John Economos, who was in Canberra for the Australian women's Soccer titles.

The accident occurred on Canberra's main strip, Northbourne Ave, just outside MacArthur House at an intersection.

As the lights changed to green, Economos slowly moved forward and stopped, waiting to turn right. Another car came alongside Economos on his inside, and also stopped.

That's when a third car, driven by an elderly male, arrived and crashed into the side of the second car, hurling it on to the car containing Johnston and Economos. Johnston told ASW: "We were inches from death."

Economos commented: "We were gone, no risk. If the second car hadn't come inside me to cop the full brunt of the impact, the other car was right on target for my left door."

"Sitting inside that door was Craig and I'm sure Liverpool wouldn't have been too happy about it."

The Liverpool star, valued at \$1,500,000, was on his way to the Australian Institute of Sport to give a lecture. Unperturbed by the crash, Johnston and Economos hopped out of their wrecked vehicle to pull the driver from his car.

Craig Johnston, unhurt despite the close shave, grabbed a cab and carried on his journey to the Institute of Sport.



ROSEBUD'S HOPES DASHED

SAYS NEIL JAMESON

MELBOURNE CROATIA'S prospects of winning tomorrow's NSL Cup Final against Newcastle Rosebud United improved dramatically with the decision to play the match at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

Newcastle had hoped to promote the NSL and Youth Cup finals as a double-header under lights in Newcastle but the ground nominated by Newcastle did not match up to NSL requirements.

Instead the Youth final between Marconi and New-

castle will be played sometime next month.

Rosebud United were under pressure to nominate a ground inside the Newcastle City Council area as a possible Cup Final venue.

This came about because Rosebud was seek-

ing local council permission for an extension on the use of the club's home ground, Adamstown Oval.

Macquarie Field at Speers Point is far and away the best night Soccer venue in the locality but it lies in the Lake Macquarie Council area.

However, most Newcastle supporters are mystified as to how the club let the two issues of home ground tenure and the Cup Final appointment become confused.

Newcastle's short-term priority is to win the NSL Cup but this prospect has

been jeopardised by the club's decision not to pursue the Macquarie Field option, particularly when the NSL and Lake Macquarie (the ground's tenants) were reportedly keen on the idea.

When Melbourne Croatia and Newcastle met last in the League in Melbourne, the result was a 1-all draw. Croatia claim it as a match they should have

won while Newcastle assert they were worth more than the draw in view of a hotly-disputed penalty awarded to the home side.

Rosebud's hopes will be riding with the leadership of club captain Joe Senkalski who blotted a run of outstanding form by pulling one of his "disappearing tricks" in United's recent 3-0 submission to St George. That slump came at a

time when Senkalski had promoted himself to national team consideration and had become the subject of transfer bids by at least two other clubs.

Newcastle might be well out of the money for League trophies but the chance of winning the Cup will erase some of the worries from what has been a harrowing season for the NSL's Northern NSW representatives.

I HAVE NO SYMPATHY FOR HARRY NOON!

ONCE again, as so often in the past in Australian Soccer, the removal of an NSL coach has caused quite a bit of a stir on the Sydney scene.

This time it has come about by the parting of the ways of Sydney Croatia and the remarkable Harry Noon.

Last week, the whole affair reached the ludicrous stage with the Rugby League "sympathisers" in the media quick to jump in and ridicule our game.

I kept out of the whole affair as I really thought Noon overdid it and took the opportunity to dramatise the situation to the fullest.

Looking at the bare facts of the matter certainly makes the mind boggle.

Noon was Croatia's third coach of the season and Croatia was the second NSL club this season he has parted company with.

However that's their business and certainly none of

mine. Harry Noon is undoubtedly a character — a nice fellow I suppose, to spend a social evening with.

Chopping block

Whatever his past record with clubs has been is no concern of mine, but in this situation with Croatia, I cannot for one minute agree that he has been hard done by.

For in all fairness, by his interview and statements about the Croatia committee in the SYDNEY MORNING HERALD on August 30, he put his job on the line and indeed his own head on the chopping block.

In this article Noon was quoted as saying that it would take a king's ransom to keep him at Croatia next season.

On the committee, he

Comment

BY TOM ANDERSON

said:—

"It's a constant battle between them and me. I have to be totally responsible for picking my own team or not at all. If Croatia wants me to stay on next season they'll have to offer me a lot of money."

The article continued: "They'll have to convince me that I'm wanted, which so far they haven't done, despite the fact we are the team of the moment."

"The longer they keep me in the dark about renewing the contract they have given me until the end of the season, the unhappier I'll be."

Well obviously the Croatia club don't believe in keeping unhappy coaches and have allowed Noon to find his happiness elsewhere.

A lesson

In this article, Noon had a go at the Croatia committee and in reply they terminated his contract — their right, as they pay the wages which entitles them to do the hiring and firing.

In fact this might be a lesson to Noon — never to overestimate his own importance and never to bite the hand that feeds him.

Indeed I find it hard to sympathise with Noon in this situation and feel the club — who provide his wages — have the right to call the shots, especially against employees who take it upon themselves to openly criticise them in the media.

Having been through the coaching mill here in Australia, I am fully aware of the pitfalls and lack of stability in the profession.

At times clubs are to blame for the situation but at other times coaches have nobody to blame for the high mortality rate but themselves.

There are two ways a coach can join a club — with or without a contract.

Without a contract there must be complete trust between the coach and the club president or committee.

Risky business

However it's a risky business, fraught with danger for both parties.

As far as a contract is concerned, half the coaching contracts are not worth the paper they are written on.

For example, if a coach is sacked and he is not fully financially recompensed by his former club, it's his own fault.

Surely any contract worth signing is worth being verified by a legal eagle.

As far as a coaches' association is concerned,



□ SACKED: HARRY NOON.

forget it.

There are more "white ants" on the Australian coaching scene than I have seen anywhere in the world.

Vultures hang around clubs having a rough time, waiting to pick the bones of the poor incumbent coach and ready to jump into his shoes while they are still warm.

I see them all the time hanging around dressing room doors and it makes me sick in the stomach!

Cut down

Also the profession here is riddled with jealousy and the more successful a

coach becomes, the more some of his fellow coaches try to cut him down to size.

While the lesser lights are spending their time worrying about what the men at the top are doing, the men at the top are getting on with their job — that's why they are at the top.

This is the coaching set-up here in Australia and this is how it will remain until respect is brought into the profession — from the inside.

Only then can there be complete respect between clubs and coaches.

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WOMENS — The New Caledonia South Pacific Cup now in its 3rd year has been widened to take place in Fiji in 1985 then back to New Caledonia in 1986. The event now called "THE SOUTH PACIFIC WOMENS SOCCER CHALLENGE" takes place in Fiji in October. Club, Association or Invitational teams can enter and in 1985 the event is expected to feature teams from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, New Caledonia and possibly America. Held during the same week as the mens event it will both be a serious tournament as well as an end of season holiday and as such is open to all standards of teams. A comprehensive package with a number of meals is now available.

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TWO OUT AND TWO IN FOR LEAGUE LEADERS

EDDIE Thomson, chasing his fourth NSL championship with Sydney City, will be without two of his stars for Sunday's away clash to Marconi.



□ MURRAY BARNES: back from injury.

Outstanding young full-back Ean Rodrigues will miss the match after suffering an ankle injury against Brisbane City.

Flankman Willie Murray pulled a hamstring in the same game after coming on as a substitute.

Thomson said: "Thank God we will have big Steve O'Connor and Murray Barnes back."

Barnes comes back from injury, while O'Connor had missed the last two matches through suspension.

Marconi will be looking to former youth internationals Tommy McCulloch, Rod Brown and David Lowe for strong performances.

All three played excellently in Marconi's 3-1 away win to Wollongong City.

McCulloch scored two magnificent goals against Wollongong, and Lowe scored the first.

Craig Mason, Marconi's hard tackling midfielder, will be back after serving a suspension.

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WELL DONE 'DAVO'

IT's great to see Socceroo defender Alan Davidson sign for English first division club Nottingham Forest.

He is one of the finest Australian-born products to wear the Green and Gold and I wish him every success.

The 23-year-old defender couldn't have joined a better club.

After St George won the NSL last year I decided to try my luck and trialled with Forest. I played in both the reserve and youth teams, scoring 11 goals.

I thoroughly enjoyed my stay there and the reception from both players and officials was great.

Forest have been one of the most successful clubs on the European scene in recent years.

With the transfer of English international right-back Viv Anderson to Arsenal during the off-season, Davidson has a great opportunity of securing a first team spot.

His style of play is well-suited to Forest. Like Anderson, he can expose opposing defences with his damaging overlapping runs and pin-point crosses.

Davidson has an added asset — he can also play in the left-back position.

Forest have experienced troubles in their first few games of the competition in both these positions.

He must remember that his first few games in the reserve team will be very important. First team coach Brian Clough hasn't seen him, but his deputy Ron Fenton had the opportunity when he was in charge of the Forest side on their recent tour of Australia.

In the hurly-burly of English Soccer, first impressions are very important.

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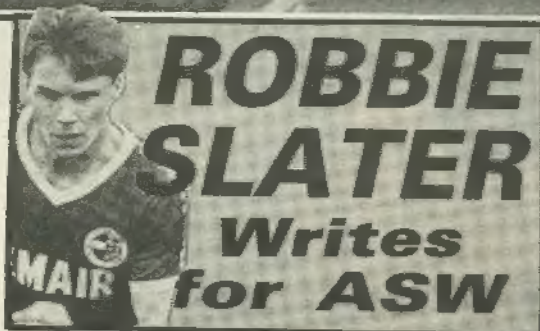
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RON FENTON, Forest's assistant manager who arranged Davidson's transfer to the English club.



ROBBIE SLATER
Writes for ASW

IT'S GOING TO BE VERY CLOSE AT THE BOTTOM

SUCH is the closeness of the National League this year, the difference in points between the last four Sydney teams will be minimal.

With only four rounds remaining, you couldn't really make a judgment on which Sydney-based team will be relegated.

In fact, we could reach a situation where the team relegated could be just two or three points from a spot in the semi-final playoff.

Last year the closeness of the League was at the top end, and of course St George had to wait until the last round to win the championship.

Unfortunately, this year has seen us slip to be a relegation candidate.

We bounced back with a win over Newcastle, but paid a price with the loss of Socceroo defender David Ratcliffe.

The spirit in the team is high, and we are determined to escape the drop.

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'I'LL BE BACK'

— that's Wayne Farnsworth's message to Melita fans

"The player who brought me down has suffered the same injury but he won't play again," Farnsworth added. Many Soccer players have suffered cruciate ligament damage but have failed in their attempted comebacks. Farnsworth unsuccessfully made a premature return. "After I received the injury in first round game against Marconi I started training a few weeks later."

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

"I played one full youth game but I was really running at about 60 per cent. I couldn't let the team down so I had to have an operation to reconstruct my knee. "A lot of people have written me off, but don't worry... I'll be back," the youngster added.

Major loss

Parramatta Melita coach Raul Blanco has certainly missed Farnsworth's talents.

"He has been one of our biggest losses and was coming along beautifully," Blanco said.

"He is a wonderful prospect with a tremendous future ahead of him. Last year he scored over 30 goals playing in the second and first grade teams in the State League competition.

"He is sorely missed — a team always misses regular goal-scorers."

Wayne Farnsworth is one name to remember. His dreams of success in his first year in the NSL were shattered, but he is confident of bouncing back.

One can only admire his confidence.

"I've got a future and I'll work twice as hard to get back up there," Farnsworth concluded. "I'm confident I can do it."

OLYMPIC athlete Darren Clark and Parramatta Melita striker Wayne Farnsworth have one thing in common — injuries.

Clark, Australia's 400 metre runner, was plagued by groin and muscle injuries prior to the recent LA Olympics.

On the other hand, Farnsworth — who bears a strong resemblance to Clark — has been sidelined for most of the season with a serious knee injury.

In fact, the youngster has been advised not to start playing until midway through next year.

It's a tragedy for both Farnsworth and the Melita club. During the past three months the Eagles have missed his deadly and accurate finishing.

The lack of a regular goalscorer has been one of the major reasons for Melita's recent poor form.

As Farnsworth says: "Melita have needed a striker all year. Here I am on crutches and I can't do anything about it."

'B' team hope

Farnsworth is determined to fulfill his ambitions.

"I was hoping for a really big year," he said.

"I had set my sights on winning a spot in the Australian 'B' team for the World Soccer Series and then this happened.

BLANCO SINGS PRAISES OF KEY STRIKER

□ RIGHT: WAYNE FARNSWORTH in action for Melita against Polonia in a NSW State League match last season.



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE MATCHES

ROUND 25

SATURDAY, SEPT 15

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD v PENRITH
Adamstown Oval 2.30pm

SUNDAY, SEPT 16

BLACKTOWN CITY v BRISBANE CITY
Gabbie Stadium 3.00pm

LEICHHARDT v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
Henson Park 3.00pm

MARCONI v SYDNEY CITY
Marconi Stadium 3.00pm

PARRA MELITA v SYDNEY CROATIA
Melita Stadium 3.00pm

ST GEORGE v WOLLONGONG CITY
St George Stadium 3.00pm

ADELAIDE CITY v STH MELBOURNE
Olympic Sports Field 2.30pm

BRISBANE LIONS v GREEN GULLY
Richlands 3.00pm

HEIDELBERG v WEST ADELAIDE
Olympic Village 3.00pm

MELBOURNE CROATIA v FOOTSCRAY
Olympic Park 3.00pm

PRESTON v BRUNSWICK UTD JUVE
Connor Reserve 3.00pm

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v CANBERRA ARROWS
Chaplin Reserve 3.00pm

REFEREE SBISA HAS AN OFFER FOR FANS!

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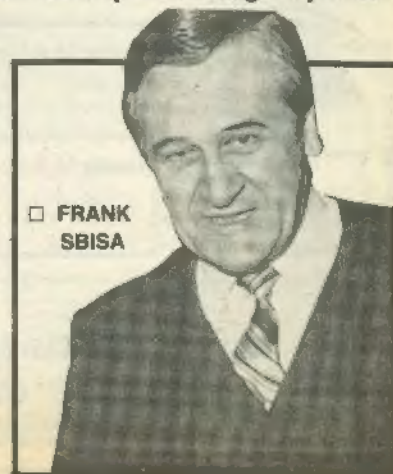
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□ FRANK SBISA

OLVER'S BID FOR TOUR PLACE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

ONE of the main reasons for Heidelberg United's success this year has been the outstanding form of Jeff Olver.

In fact, the young yet experienced goalkeeper has been recognised by winning selection in the preliminary Australian squad set to tour the world in November.

It could have been a different story if South Melbourne goalie Peter Laumets hadn't withdrawn from the Australian "B" team which recently played in the World Soccer Series.

"Peter was injured just prior to the Series and I was selected as his replacement," he said.

"It was a letdown for Peter but when your picked in any representative squad you must take your chance."

Youth team

Olver, 23, is no stranger to the representative scene.

He has represented Victoria at U16 and U18 levels as well as playing in the Australian Youth team in 1979.

During the past couple of years, Olver has played for Victoria against the likes of Cosmos (USA), Berlin (West Germany) and the Hungary national team.

Three goalkeepers will be selected in the final squad of 22 to tour under

coach Frank Arok. St George's Terry Greedy, Canberra's Anthony Franken and Sydney City's Tony Pezzano are the other three contenders.

Ironically, Olver's introduction to the National League came at the expense of Melbourne Croatia's Yakka Banovic — another goalie determined to win selection in the Australian team.

"I played my first game in the top grade midway through the 1980 season. Yakka had signed for English club Derby County and — believe it or not — had let in seven goals in his last game against Brisbane City."

"I've been in the first grade team ever since," Olver said.

Disappointed

Understandably, Olver was disappointed at playing only two games in the WSS but was quick to praise the performances of Franken.

"No-one likes to watch a game from the sidelines," he said.

"Full credit to Tony, he was in great form and surprised a lot of people."

For seven games up to

last weekend, Olver kept the scoresheet blank to have Heidelberg at the top of the National Conference.

One of his biggest influences — aside from his father — has been ex-Socceroo custodian Jack Reilly.

Reilly represented Australia in a World Cup campaign.

And that is an achievement Olver is aiming for in the months ahead.

□ **RIGHT:** Heidelberg's 1980 team, with Olver pictured in the centre of the back row alongside the man he replaced as Bergers' goalie, Yakka Banovic.

HEIDELBERG'S HERO IN NSL TITLE CHASE



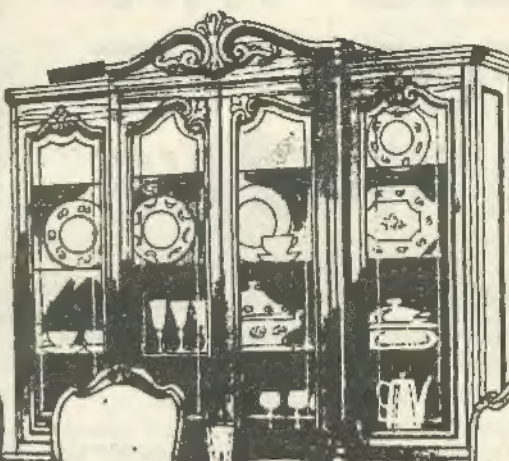
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STH MELB	24	15	3	6	40	18	33	7	3	2	21	6	17	8	0	4	19	12	16		
H'BERG	24	13	6	5	35	23	32	9	2	2	23	12	20	4	4	3	12	11	12		
MELB CROATIA	24	11	7	6	34	26	29	7	4	2	18	10	18	4	3	4	16	16	11		
BRUNSWICK	24	11	4	9	31	36	26	6	2	3	18	15	14	5	2	6	13	21	12		
FOOTSCRAY	24	10	4	10	27	26	24	4	2	6	12	14	10	6	2	4	15	12	14		
BRIS LIONS	24	10	4	10	34	34	24	6	3	3	20	16	15	4	1	7	14	18	9		
GR GULLY	24	8	6	10	30	31	22	5	3	4	19	15	13	3	3	6	11	16	9		
PRESTON	24	8	5	11	37	33	21	5	3	4	26	14	13	3	2	7	11	19	8		
AD CITY	24	8	4	12	26	30	20	5	3	4	17	13	13	3	1	8	9	17	7		
BRIS CITY	24	8	4	12	17	31	20	3	3	6	6	11	9	5	1	6	11	20	11		
WEST AD	24	7	4	13	37	46	18	6	2	5	27	18	14	1	2	8	10	28	4		
SUNSHINE	24	4	6	14	19	47	14	2	4	5	8	10	8	2	2	9	11	37	6		

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

SYD CITY	24	16	6	2	59	18	38	8	2	1	34	11	18	8	4	1	25	7	20
OLYMPIC	24	13	7	4	53	25	33	7	3	2	31	14	17	6	4	2	22	11	16
LEIGHARDT	24	11	7	6	38	28	29	7	1	3	19	12	15	4	6	3	19	16	14
MARCONI	24	10	6	8	49	34	26	7	2	4	25	13	16	3	4	4	24	21	10
PARRA MELITA	24	8	8	8	23	26	24	4	3	6	12	16	11	4	5	2	11	10	13
PENRITH	24	7	10	7	26	33	24	4	5	3	15	18	13	3	5	4	11	15	11
SYD CROATIA	24	6	10	8	27	35	22	2	4	5	10	17	8	4	6	3	17	18	14
BLACKTOWN	24	8	6	10	34	46	22	4	5	3	22	21	13	4	1	7	12	25	9
CANBERRA	24	10	1	13	41	35	21	6	0	6	24	14	12	4	1	7	17	21	9
ST GEORGE	24	6	9	9	33	35	21	4	6	3	20	15	14	2	3	6	13	20	7
NEWCASTLE	24	9	3	12	30	48	21	7	1	3	18	14	15	2	2	9	12	34	6
W'GONG	24	4	4	16	16	52	12	3	1	8	10	22	7	1	3	8	6	30	5

RESULTS

• CANBERRA 5 (Reis 2, Harkins, Perinovic, Jones) WEST ADELAIDE 2 (Malavazos, Kritikos) at National Sports Centre. CROWD: 750.
 • SYDNEY CROATIA 0 drew with LEIGHARDT 0 at Tomislav Park. CROWD: 1,500.
 • WOLLONGONG 1 (Kotamanidis) MARCONI 3 (McCulloch 2, Lowe) at Wollongong Showground. CROWD: 700.
 • PARRAMATTA 2 (Andricopoulos, Demanuelle) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Melita Stadium. CROWD: 980.
 • SYDNEY OLYMPIC 6 (Koussas 3, Katholos, Theodorakopoulos, Kalantzis) BLACKTOWN 1 (Larkin) at Pratten Park. CROWD: 3,102.
 • SYDNEY CITY 3 (Kosmina 2, Lee) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Pimblett) at Sydney Athletic Field. CROWD: 543.
 • PENRITH 1 (McIntosh) ST GEORGE (Marton) at Cook Park. CROWD: 312.
 • NEWCASTLE 2 (Jones, Boogaard) ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Adamstown. CROWD: 1,000.
 • BRUNSWICK 5 (Ward 2, Zinni, Sweeney, Miranda) HEIDELBERG 1 (Yankos) at Olympic Park. CROWD: 4,000.
 • SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Egan) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Middle Park. CROWD: 6,000.
 • GREEN GULLY 0 PRESTON 0 at Green Gully Reserve. CROWD: 2,000.
 • FOOTSCRAY 1 (McDowell) SUNSHINE 0 at Schintler Reserve. CROWD: 1,000.

TOP SCORERS

20 — Kosmina (SC)
 16 — D. Brown (SM)
 12 — Katholos (SC)
 Lowe (M)
 11 — Arnold (S. Cr)
 Winn (H)
 10 — Bradley (L)
 Marton (SG)
 McCulloch (M)
 9 — Cairney (BL)
 Patterson (H)
 R. Brown (M)
 Konstandopoulos (WA)
 Patikas (SO)
 8 — Farina (CA)
 Brandt (NR)
 Jackson (PC)
 Sweeney (BJ)
 Koussas (SO)
 Egan (SM)
 7 — Jankovics (M)
 Fletcher (SC)
 Bryant (CA)
 Brogan (MC)
 Panagis (WA)
 Kalantzis (SO)
 Larkin (BD)
 Ward (BJ)

QUICK KOSMINA GOAL DID IT

BY JOHN FIELD

THE Sydney City v Brisbane City match was only half a minute old when Soccerroo skipper John Kosmina struck to put Slickers a goal in front — a blow from which the Queenslanders never recovered.

It all happened so quickly, Brisbane City didn't seem to know what was going on when "Kossie" ran on to a stray ball in the penalty area to shoot past goalkeeper Kim Wishart.

That set the Slickers on their way to a 3-1 victory.

Before half-an-hour had gone by, Grant Lee was on target for the home side to make the score 2-0.

The goal was created by utility player Gerry Gomez who laid on the pass which Lee headed in.

Those two goals ended all hope for the visitors, yet Slickers coach Eddie

Thomson was far from thrilled about the way things went.

Always seeking perfection, Thomson said at the after-match press conference that his players needed a hard match or two to get in shape for the end-of-season playoffs.

"Both teams were below their best and this is a worry," said Thomson.

John Pontura, one of the Brisbane officials looking after the team until the end of the year — following the resignation of coach Joe Gilroy — was even more unhappy.

Pontura complained that his team had given Sydney City two soft goals and this was why the valuable points were thrown away.

Sydney City's third goal, taking them to a solid lead of 3-0, was Kosmina's second and he took his chance well.

It came in the 60th minute when Kosmina moved into the Brisbane defence to chip the ball over the head of Wishart who was off his line.

In reply, Brisbane City could offer only one goal, a penalty kick taken by Frank

Pimblett 10 minutes from full-time.

It was not a happy weekend for Brisbane City. Apart from this defeat, they also had to convince the Sydney NSL clubs that they and Brisbane Lions are worth persevering with in the national competition.

The Brisbane teams will stay in the NSL but it is no secret that some Sydney clubs would still like to see them out.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Rodrigues (K. Falconer 39), Robertson, Gomez, De Marigny, Kaye, Watson, P. Falconer, Lee

(Murray 66), Kosmina, Fletcher.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio, O'Maye, Perry (Walsh 36), Milovanovic, Swan, Mengotti, Pimblett, Scriggins, Hamilton, Bromfield.

REFEREE: R. Davies. CROWD: 543.

BIG WIN FOR THE ARROWS

BY TIM PIPER

CANBERRA ARROWS grabbed their third successive victory, and in fine style, when they gave West Adelaide a 5-2 hiding at Bruce Stadium.

The recent recovery in Canberra's fortunes is all the more remarkable bearing in mind the absence of Youth Soccerroo stars Frank Farina and Tony Franken.

Although Arrows banged home five goals, they could have had many more against an outclassed West Adelaide.

Jim Harkins opened the scoring in the 12th minute when goalkeeper Gary Sproul dropped a corner kick to him. Nick Malavazos equalised soon after but it was only a temporary relief for the visitors.

Mark Perinovic put Arrows in front again and, before half-time, Alan Reis made the score 3-1.

Second half goals by Roy Jones and Reis ended any slim hopes the South Australians may have had,

although Westad finished with another goal one minute from full-time, scored by John Kritikos.

It was a real joy day for Canberra — and they have not had many of those this year.

West Adelaide's cause was certainly not helped when Brenton Hiern was sent off 11 minutes into the second half.

CANBERRA: Economopoulos, Ontong, Harkins, Jones, Christopoulos, Sermanni, Mihailidis, Bryant, Gibson, Reis, Perinovic (Farina 65).

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Hiern, McGregor, McGachey, Honeyman, Manou, Kritikos, Panagis, Brown, Papadopoulos, Malavazos.

REFEREE: N. Murray. CROWD: 750.

THREE goals in the closing four minutes and a splendidly taken hat-trick from Mark Koussas highlighted Sydney Olympic's 6-1 slaughter of Blacktown City at Pratten Park.

The game opened with completely one-way traffic in Olympic's favour and ended in the same vein, even though there were many highly entertaining passages in between.

Blacktown pulled back to 3-1 after being down 3-0 in an uneven first half.

The score seemed likely to be respectable until the late blitzkrieg struck.

Olympic were at it again and their last three goals were well worth recounting.

In the 86th minute a beautifully tossed cross from Chris Kalantzis on the left sideline found Barry Hoare badly placed and Nick Theodorakopoulos headed into the open goal from the far post.

For the chaser, Theodorakopoulos sent Koussas speeding through the middle for his third goal.

Then Kalantzis finished off splendidly from a Katholos pass.

Hundreds of youngsters streamed all over the ground to welcome the climax of the game.

The finely balanced Raskopoulos - Patikas - Katholos midfield combination carried on from their demolition of Marconi the previous week.

They held sway, apart from a big improvement by Blacktown in the second half.

The game showed that Koussas has a future that others have failed to recognise since the 1981 World Youth Cup.

On top of that, teenager Kalantzis produced some paralysing runs to once again emphasise his promise.

Manfred Schaefer pointed to the fact that his team has not reached its potential. He has players such as Alex Lambropoulos in reserve.

For Casey de Bruin, the Demons coach, the inability to take on opponents even when players were stationed behind the ball was particularly galling.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Jennings, Dakos, Coady, Kalantzis, Raskopoulos, Patikas (Phillips 82), Katholos, Soper (Theodorakopoulos 44), Koussas.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare, Wheatley, Skellern, Dunleavy, Pointer (Mountford 45), Selva, McLaughlin, Byrne, Sandy, Larkin, O'Connor.

REFEREE: P. Rampley. CROWD: 3,102.

RIGHT: Hat-trick hero Mark Koussas climbs for a header against Blacktown's Cliff Pointer (right).





RELEGATION FEARS GROW FOR SAINTS

BY BRAD EARL

IT wasn't a happy weekend for St George and coach Frank Arok as their relegation worries multiplied.

First came the confirmation from the NSL Council of Clubs meeting on Saturday that the lowest-placed Sydney team will definitely be relegated: then on Sunday the Saints travelled to Cook Park to try and win two points from their match with Penrith City.

They had to settle for one in a 1-1 draw, and they didn't deserve anything more than that.

The Saints had more of the ball in midfield, but rarely penetrated the Penrith backline.

The only time the Panthers defence was caught out was in the sixth minute — and they were punished for it.

Keeper Mike Gibson committed himself to challenge Robbie Slater 10 metres out, but the ball bounced clear for Dez Marton to stab it in and give the Saints a very early lead.

Marton was effectively shadowed throughout by Peter Brogan, while Mickey Cross and Paul Daley covered well in defence for Penrith.

St George only had one more goal attempt when Marton bent the ball in from outside the box in the 70th minute but struck the post.

Ian Hunter, still to open his goalscoring account for the season, had two great chances to equalise in the first half.

First he headed the ball straight at Terry Greedy in the 10th minute and then he shot high after working his way clear on the right side of the box.

It was left to big centre-back Dave McIntosh to score the important equaliser in the 68th minute.

McIntosh, who has moved up at set-pieces all season without any luck, headed home a Jeff Ainsworth corner from 16 metres.

"We expected that from McIntosh and the two players who were supposed to mark him blundered," St George coach Frank Arok said after the game.

Ian Wotherspoon went close to hitting the winner for Penrith when he found himself clear on the right side, but his powerful shot curled just past the upright.

The skill of Roy Cotton and the determination of Hunter worried the Saints defence, but the two strikers received little support.

Ian Wotherspoon was lively after he replaced Brian Jackson, and he went close to hitting the winner for Penrith when he found himself clear on the right, but his powerful shot curled wide.

"We've forgotten all about relegation now," Penrith coach Willie Wallace said. "The players have put aside all other considerations and are now aiming to make the top five playoffs."

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh; Nix, Ainsworth, Hale;

Cotton, Hunter, Jackson (Wotherspoon 61).

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, Koczka (Danaszkos 77), Zantides, M.O'Shea; Ricoy, Stone, Barton; Slater, Petkovski, Marton.

REFEREE: G. Power. CROWD: 312.

DROUGHT EASES FOR MELITA

WITH only one win in 11 games things were getting pretty desperate at the Melita Stadium until Sunday's visit from Brisbane Lions.

Now the losing drought has been broken. Parramatta Melita won with something to spare, collecting a 2-0 victory over a Lions side which never suggested it was good enough to get even one point.

Lions have been climbing the table in recent weeks, but on their per-

formance against Melita, it is difficult to understand why.

The headwork of tall Calvin Daunt, the workrate of Russell Stewart and the defensive prowess of Rod Vasquez and Alan Hunter were among the few pleasant memories left behind by Brisbane Lions.

It was not much. More is expected from a side chasing NSL honours.

As for Melita, they looked a useful middle-of-the-table team.

The understanding worked out by young Paul Andricopoulos and Maltese international import Silvio Demanuelle gave promise of better times ahead for Melita.

Demanuelle played a big part in the opening goal after 23 minutes. His perfect ball through the middle completely fooled Lions de-

fence and Andricopoulos followed it all the way to get the vital touch that brought a goal.

Possibly, Demanuelle's effort would have gone in without any help but Andricopoulos made quite sure.

BY DAVID JACK

Melita's second goal in the 73rd minute was a gem, one of the most spectacular of the season.

From at least 22 metres range, Demanuelle sent in a blockbuster of a shot that hit the Lions crossbar, rebounded down on to the goal line and entered the net.

As might be expected, the Maltese fans at the match were deliciously happy about that effort — bearing in mind this was only Demanuelle's second full game in the four months he

has been in Australia.

On a personal note, I was flattered to be invited back next week by Melita coach Raul Blanco, who insists I am a lucky mascot.

On my last two visits to the ground, Melita have won each time ... the team's ONLY wins in 12 games!

If I can keep up the form, maybe I'll go into the "real mascot" business!

PARRA MELITA: McPherson, McAusland, Tredinnick, McGinn, Wilson, Allan, Jamieson (Luing 74), Farrugia, Demanuelle, Andricopoulos (McKie 88), McDonald.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, Hunter, McKimming, R. Stewart (Cairney 76), J. Stewart, Anderson, McDonagh, Junna, Daunt, Vasquez.

REFEREE: G. Warne. CROWD: 980.

TOM'S TWO GOALS SINK THE WOLVES

BY PHIL MURPHY

TWO goals from talented Marconi midfielder Tom McCulloch provided the highlights of his team's 3-1 win over Wollongong City at Wollongong Showground.

Marconi scored all their goals in the first half and look to have established themselves in the playoff series.

Coach Les Scheinflug said after the game the two points were very important even though his side could play a lot better.

"When you haven't won for a while it doesn't really matter how you get the points," Scheinflug said.

Marconi survived a slow start to outclass the home team in a 20 minute spell before half-time.

David Lowe struck first after 26 minutes when the Wollongong defence opened up badly to a long

throw from Berti Mariani.

Twelve minutes later the Wollongong defence was again badly at fault when McCulloch was allowed to run 30 metres straight up the middle to make it 2-0.

McCulloch struck again from the penalty spot seconds before the interval when referee Ken Small ruled Ray Vlietstra had fouled Rod Brown.

It wasn't until the last minute that Peter Kotaminidis scored a consolation goal for Wollongong.

Brown was a constant threat to the slow-moving Wollongong defence while McCulloch played well in

midfield.

Overall Marconi must be capable of far better things, having given the impression they would be struggling against stronger opposition than Wollongong.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Green, Vlietstra, Willis, Condon, Kotaminidis, Gaffney, Kerr, Coradini, Beggs, Bundalo.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Spanos, McCulloch, Henderson, Calderan, Sharne (Licata 74), Lowe, Brown, Jankovics (Carbone 74), Mariani.

REFEREE: K. Small. CROWD: 786.



□ EYES on the ball as Wolves' Ray Vlietstra (right) covers Peter Sharne.

ROZIC COULD BE BACK NEXT WEEK

BY JACK SMART

VEDRAN ROZIC, who has taken over as caretaker-coach of Sydney Croatia, may be used by Croatia as a player in next weekend's vital match against Parramatta Melita at Melita Stadium.

Rozic, former captain of Hajduk Split, was prevented from playing any further games because the Yugoslavian Football Federation withdrew permission for his clearance.

Now, however, Sydney Croatia president Tony Topic says he is optimistic the Australian Soccer Federation will give permission for Rozic to resume playing.

Rozic's experience would be most valuable as the team struggles to pull clear of relegation worries.

On Sunday, Croatia dropped a home point, getting a 0-0 draw against Leichhardt, a result which brought the comment from president Topic: "One point is better than none!"

It was far from a classic encounter, though.

Chances were created but the finishing touch was missing as both teams appeared unable to shoot with any degree of accuracy.

John Bradley could have won the match for Leichhardt late in the proceedings but Zeljko Jurin was also guilty of a miss which could have taken the points to the Croatia camp.

Maybe a 0-0 draw was the best of results.

But Croatia's fourth coach of the year, Rozic, would undoubtedly have preferred to get the first-up victory he so badly needed.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, Woods, Tomasich, Sterrey, Vidaic, God-

zik, Borges (Kirwan 60), Savor, Clinch, Arnold, Jurin.

LEICHHARDT: Parks, Bozanic, Van Egmond, Ziras, Pullen, Butler, Bradley, Gray, Cahon, De Ceglie, Morsello.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.

CROWD: 1,500.



VEDRAN ROZIC

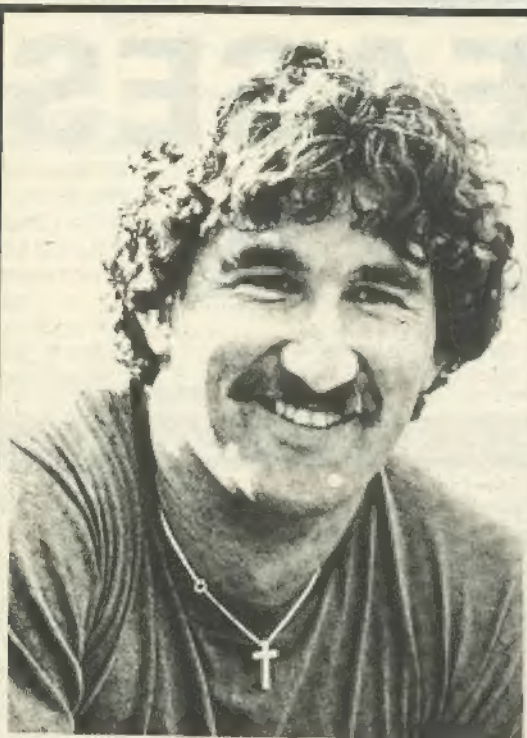


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□ RICHARD WILSON: good saves.

JONES SPIES ON WILSON

BY DAVID BECK

GREEN GULLY and Preston played a scoreless draw to deny themselves the opportunity to advance to the top five of the National Conference.

In contrasting halves, Preston dominated the opening 45 minutes and created the scoring opportunities which should have given them the lead. They failed to capitalise, however.

Green Gully took control in the second half and mounted a series of blistering attacks only to be foiled by Preston's solid defence.

The highlights of the entertaining game were some brilliant individual performances by players from both sides.

But Sunday's game was a real test for Preston's keeper Richard Wilson because Allan Jones, the national coach of New Zealand, was in the crowd to watch him.

Wilson did not disgrace his national boss. In fact he made some very good saves.

Spectators had a few words to say about referee Sam Zoumas who appeared to be inconsistent with his decisions.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogben, Smart, McLelland Cannell, Smallman, Wade, Vassallo (Mancinelli 75), Williams, Carter, P. Lewis.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinis, McMillan, Dobson, Dunn, Campbell, Ilioski, Flavell, Heys (Petrovski 69), Luccchessi (Cole 69), Lane.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas.

ATTENDANCE: 3,000.

SOUTHS BACK IN CHARGE

BY HARRY HALL

SOUTH MELBOURNE bounced back to the top of the National Conference table with a narrow 1-0 win over Melbourne Croatia at Middle Park.

Now Souths are expected to stay there after Heidelberg's crash at the weekend.

Flying Scotsman Charlie Egan led Souths to their much needed win by scoring the important goal after 25 minutes.

Egan was on hand to turn into the net a free kick by his forward partner Doug Brown.

Souths dominated a subdued Croatia team which lacked the cohesion, purpose, and sting it had dis-

played a few weeks ago.

Croatia surely would have lost by a bigger margin but for the excellent goalkeeping of Yakka Banovic.

Souths first scoring chance came in the 21st minute when Steve Blair unleashed a powerful header but Tony Curcio cleared the ball off the line.

Egan also missed an opportunity to score a second goal in the 47th minute when he decided to go through on his own and

lobbed the ball over the advancing Banovic.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Davidson, Blair, Yzendoorn, Postecoglou, Crino, Egan, Brown, Murphy (Kaikos 86), Kanessoulis.

CROATIA: Banovic, Curcio, Parton, Adams, Han-nah, Antolovic, Deankovic, Campbell, Gojevic, Brogan (P. Lewis 77), Cumming (Markovac 61).

REFEREE: C. Bam-bridge.

ATTENDANCE: 4,000.

BERGERS ARE ROASTED

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

HEIDELBERG suffered their heaviest defeat of the season at the hands of classy Brunswick Juventus, going down 5-1 at Olympic Park.

The Bergers were forced to surrender leadership of the National Conference to South Melbourne, who downed Melbourne Croatia 1-0.

Heidelberg lost the game on Friday night when their champion keeper Jeff Olver was forced to withdraw when he sustained a knee injury at training.

Olver's absence shattered the morale of the high-flying Heidelberg side and contributed greatly to its humiliating defeat.

While Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey was facing an uphill battle in his effort to mould a side capable of maintaining its leadership, his counterpart John Margaritis was arranging his troops to upset the leaders.

Juventus was too strong for the lethargic Heidelberg which lacked co-ordination and purpose.

That's why by the end of the day Heidelberg supporters accepted the result as fair reward for Juventus' dazzling performance.

Brunswick winger Andrew Zinni led the parade with the first goal after 13 minutes when he put away a low cross by Robert Cullen.

Ten minutes later Joe Sweeney headed in a lob by Zinni.

Brunswick consolidated their lead three minutes before half time with the third goal. Referee Bernie Upjohn awarded a harsh penalty against Charlie Yankos for an alleged foul on Sweeney in an aerial challenge for the ball. Gary Ward took the penalty kick and beat Kardamitsis soundly.

Heidelberg found some breathing space in the 48th minute when referee Upjohn awarded the second doubtful penalty - this time against Brunswick.

Upjohn penalised Brunswick for an alleged foul on Steve Tasios inside the

area. Yankos converted.

Brunswick continued the onslaught and increased their lead to 4-1 in the 57th minute when midfield maestro Richard Miranda put away a glancing header.

Gary Ward produced the final goal in the 60th minute when he scored from a free kick.

Brunswick were reduced to 10 men in the 75th minute when Upjohn sent off

Miranda for a wild tackle.

BRUNSWICK: Martin, Sweeney, Brown, Lloyd, Dowie, Campbell, Cullen, Miranda, Drinoczky, Ward, Zinni.

HEIDELBERG: Kardamitsis, McKie, Tasios, Angele, McLeod (Patterson 69), Valentine, Metaxis (Selemidis 46), Stevenson, Winn, Yankos, Peterson.

REFEREE: B. Upjohn.
ATTENDANCE: 3,500.



□ GARY WARD: two goals.



□ WILLIE GALLAGHER

ROSEBUD NOT CONVINCING

BY NEIL JAMESON

"WE'LL have to play better than that on Wednesday night," was all Newcastle coach Willie Gallagher could say after watching his side scramble to a 2-0 win over Adelaide City at Adamstown.

Gallagher, his mind on the midweek NSL Cup Final appointment with Melbourne Croatia, was clearly less than satisfied with Saturday's effort.

Late goals by David Jones and Mike Boogaard provided the difference but it was evident that, for most of the match, Newcastle were rattled.

For all but the last 20 minutes, City were faster to the ball and their ability to close down space upset Newcastle's rhythm.

Under the urging of Sergio Melta and Charlie Villani, City strived to pull Newcastle apart down the middle. It took a "man of the match" performance by teenage defender Neil Owens to deny them.

Openings were few in a tight first half but City must have rued missing chances that fell to Villani and Peter Rankin in the 33rd and 45th minutes.

Joe Senkalski's long-range shooting might have broken the deadlock but, to Newcastle's frustration, his four second half efforts flew narrowly wide of the mark.

The break came in the 76th minute when Bernard Kerby won the ball on the left and pumped in a shallow cross. The City defence failed to clear and Steve Allen lobbed the ball goalwards for Jones to head home.

Boogaard widened the gap by expertly heading in Dean Milosevic's 89th minute corner, but the scoreline wasn't a true indication of City's fight.

Milosevic was on the bench on Saturday but could come into the Cup Final starting line-up, if only to give Newcastle the width that was badly lacking at the weekend.

One man clearly delighted with Newcastle's clean sheet was goalkeeper Clint Gosling. He was under scrutiny from New Zealand World Cup coach Alan Jones and the custodian almost certainly played his way into the squad with a dominant display.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Boogaard, Owens, Thompson, Kerby, Senkalski, Brandt, Todd, Jones, Allen (Milosevic 78).

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Tobin, Flounders, Melta, Gatenby, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Rankin.

REFEREE: D. Rennie.

CROWD: 1,000.

FOOTSCRAY KEEP TOP FIVE

FOOTSCRAY kept contact with the top company of the National Conference, with a deserved 1-0 win over relegation candidates Sunshine George Cross.

Brilliant performer Gary McDowell earned Footscray the two points with a goal in the 64th minute.

The game was generally unexciting and Footscray produced occasional entertainment.

The home team appeared more composed

and came near to grabbing the lead on a number of occasions, but failed consistently in its final effort.

Gorgie had some opportunities to score but lack of killer instinct kept them silent throughout.

A shot at the cross bar by Lac Manovic, playing his last game for Footscray,

resulted in the only goal.

Gary McDowell followed the ball and as it rebounded off the bar he tapped it in.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, McDowell, Hazabent, Karic, Tansey, Belic, Paton (O'Donnell 45), Carroll, Lacmanovic, Tutill, Lujic.

HOPES ALIVE

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Costello, Bennett, Taylor, O'Reilly, Scerry, Bain, Jovanovic, Pit (Le Luca 77), Faulkner, McLaren, Latis.

REFEREE: C. Voutsinas.
ATTENDANCE: 1,000.

CURCIO EMERGES AS RIGHT-BACK CONTENDER

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

THE imminent departure of Soccerroo right-back Alan Davidson to English club Nottingham Forest has left national coach Frank Arok with one huge headache.

With the ensuing Soccerroo world tour in November, many players are out to impress Arok and win selection.

Among the contenders for the right-back position is Melbourne Croatia defender Tony Curcio.

At home at both sweeper and right-back, Curcio has been enjoying his most successful season to date with the National League newcomers.

What's even more surprising is that Curcio was almost lost to the round-ball code.

"I changed to Aussie Rules when I was 10," he said.

"I played out on the wing for two years and found the game quite simple.

"I decided to give up in the end because I was getting too many knocks. Maybe if I was bigger I might have continued playing," Curcio added.

Prominence

Curcio, whose parents are of Italian descent, rose to prominence playing for Brunswick Juventus in the

Victorian State League.

While at Juventus, Curcio dazzled opponents with his close ball skills and workmanlike performances operating from the right flank.

In 1982 he joined Melbourne Croatia and was hastily switched to a defensive role.

"We were having troubles in the defence and we always seemed short of a full-back.

"I moved into the right-back position but still did my fair share of attacking," he said.

This year the 25-year-old primary teacher has played an important role for Melbourne Croatia. His coolness and distribution have added stability to the defence.

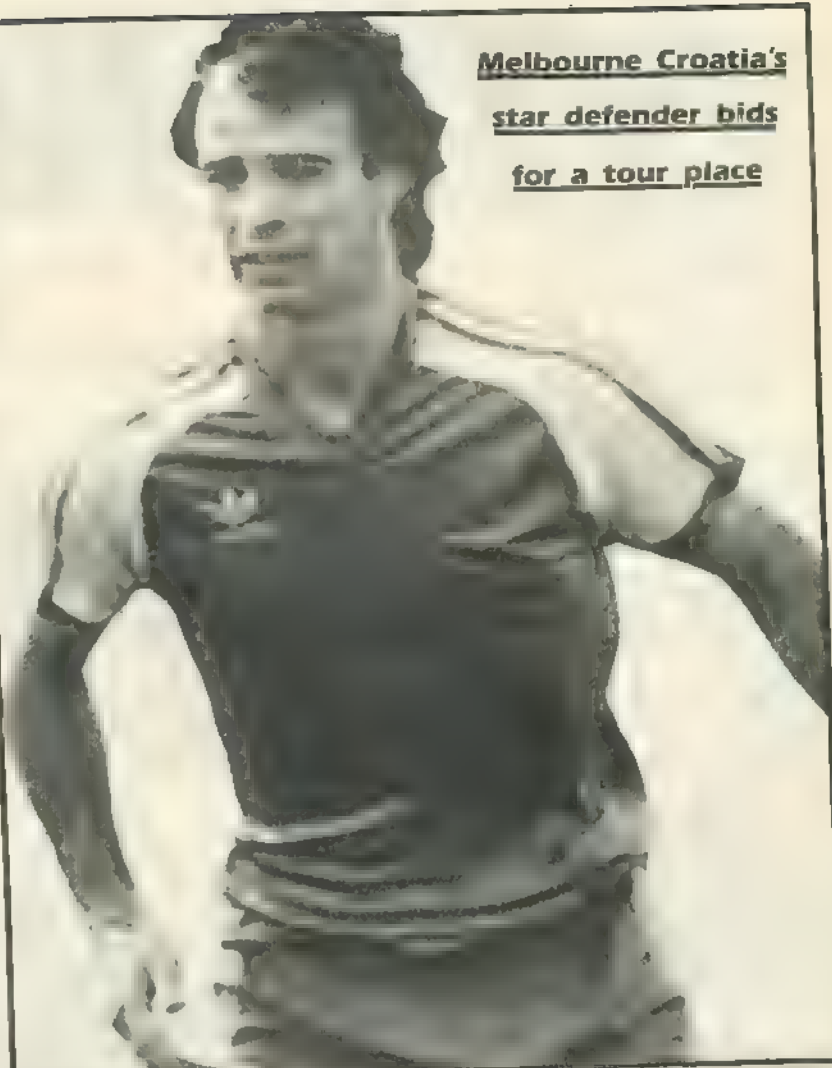
Last year, Croatia finished second in the State League after winning the competition in 1982.

Curcio has been impressed with the club's success this year.

"Croatia are a good club and we still have hopes of winning the League.

"It's funny really. If you ask any other player which club he would like to play for, he is sure to say Melbourne Croatia.

"The players are really well looked after," Curcio concluded.



Melbourne Croatia's
star defender bids
for a tour place

NEED FOR INJURY PREVENTION

MORE than ever before, there is growing concern amongst coaches, teachers, club officials, parents and the general public regarding the number of players and athletes sustaining sports injuries.

The obvious solution is for "preventative measures" to be taken. Schools, clubs and associations need to have their own qualified sports trainers.

This is where Smith and Nephew, the international company which manufactures Elastoplast and Elastoport sports medicine products, comes to the fore.

The firm has linked up with the University of New England in a nationwide campaign to support the efforts of the Australian Sports Trainers' Scheme, which is a vital aspect of the work of the Australian Sports Medicine Federation.

A major residential camp, the Elastoport Sports Trainers' Camp, will be held at the University of New England next January.

The camp will cater for all levels of ability and experience, and will prepare participants for the Level 1 and 2 certificates of the Australian Sports Trainers' Scheme.

Camp director is Dr Bill Webb, president of the Australian Sports Medicine Federation, whose experience covers all levels from juniors to internationals.

Dr Webb has been the doctor with the Parramatta Rugby League Club and the Australian World Cup Rowing team.

He will be assisted with a highly qualified and experienced team of senior members of the Australian Sports Medicine Federation, including: Dr Kevin Hobbs, president of the Queensland Branch of the Australian Sports Medicine Federation.

and medical officer to the Queensland Rugby League team; Dr Brian Sando, president of the South Australian branch of the ASMF and medical officer to the SA National Football League and the SA Cricket Association; Mr Colin O'Brien, physiotherapist with the Australian and Old Rugby teams, including the 1981 Wallaby Tour of the UK.

The University of New England's Elastoport Sports Trainers' Camp, as well as helping the club trainers, will also cater for individual fitness enthusiasts who wish to know how best to avoid injuries and keep fit with activities such as jogging, swimming, squash and tennis.

As this camp will be run simultaneously with the University's East-West Airlines National Sports Camp, trainees will have the opportunity for supervised on-field assessment of sports injuries and extensive guided clinical exposure.

All inquiries about next January's Elastoport Sports Trainers' Camp, as well as inquiries re the East-West Airlines' Soccer, Rugby League and Union camps, should be directed to: the University Of New England Sports Union, Armidale, NSW 2351. Telephone: 067-72 2811.

Applications close October 31, but as in previous years the limited number of places available will be filled before October.

For further information, contact Mr Gerry Worsell, Warden, UNE Sports Union, Armidale, telephone 067-722811.

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**ALEX
BUNDALO**
— Wollongong

ALEX BUNDALO (below), 18, will be a leading contender for a Youth Soccer place after his debut season in NSL this year.

National coach Jimmy Shoulder was impressed by Bundalo's ability to adjust to what was required in different playing situations.

Adrian Alston, Wollongong City coach, threw him straight into the National League at the start of the season, and Bundalo hasn't disappointed him.

His skill in midfield has drawn praise from shrewd judges, and he has shown an ability to join the attack and get amongst the goals.



THE NEW BREED



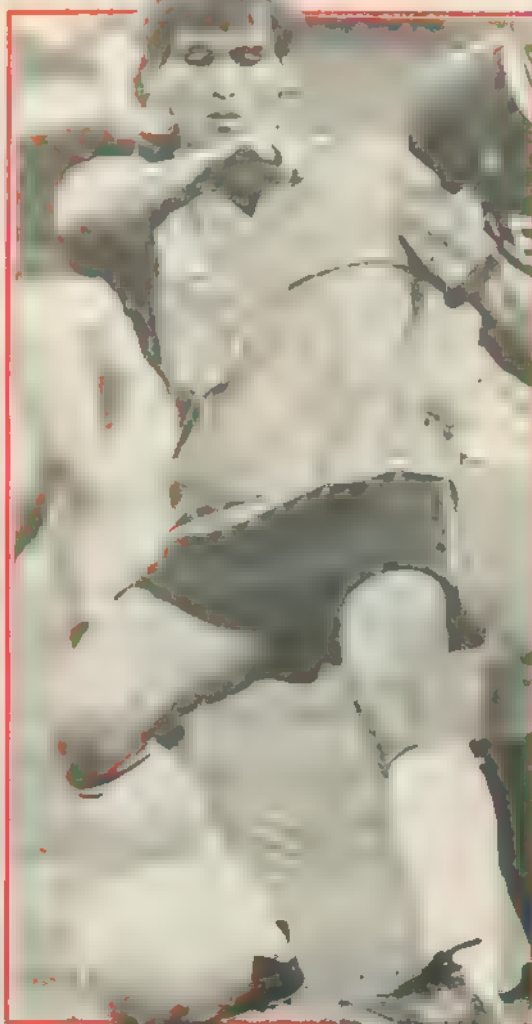
SIMON BRANDT — Newcastle

ANOTHER product of Ken Kaiser's reign as Newcastle coach, Simon Brandt (right) is a versatile youngster who has weathered the off-the-field turmoil that has disrupted Newcastle's NSL season.

Brandt, 20, is top scorer with eight goals this season, despite having played as a striker only in the first part of the season.

Since Willie Gallagher took over as coach, Brandt has been used in midfield, and he has turned in reliable, hard-working and skilful performances.

He has also displayed his versatility by playing in defence, and it is with talented young players like Brandt that Newcastle's future as a Soccer power rests.



GRAHAM ARNOLD

— Sydney Croatia

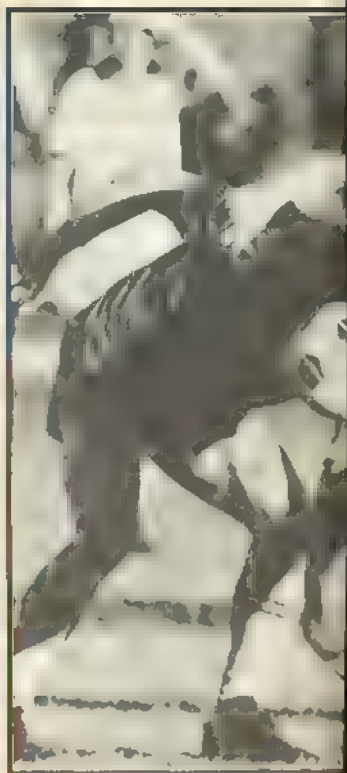
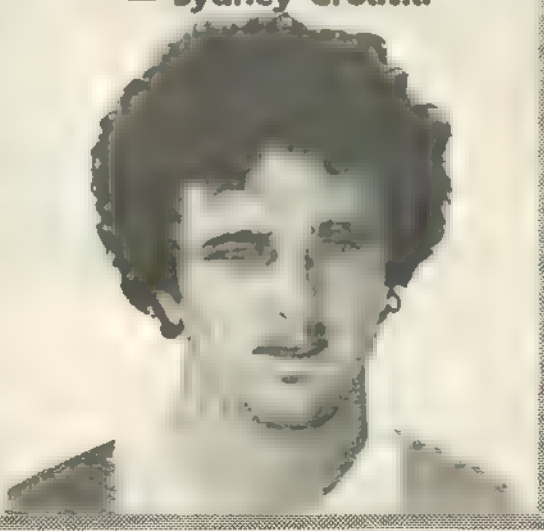
GRAHAM ARNOLD's good goalscoring form in the National League led to his call-up for the senior national squad training camps.

Arnold, 21, is a tall, strong striker and a very dangerous player in the air.

He missed the cut-off date for the 1983 World Youth Championship by just two days.

Starting out with Canterbury-Marrickville, he was the target of a transfer bid from Sydney Olympic in 1982, but he chose to stay in State League.

Last year he joined Sydney Croatia, scoring 16 goals, and now in his first year of NSL he has found the net 11 times.



CHRIS KALANTZIS

— Sydney Olympic

SYDNEY OLYMPIC have given a chance in NSL football this year to 17-year-old attacker Chris Kalantzis.

Brought in at the end of 1983, he won the NSL Cup, and he will be a key player in the Grand Final next month.

It has only been in the second half of the season that Schaefer made Kalantzis a regular.

Schaefer has a high opinion of Kalantzis, "I can remember," the Olympic coach says.

Kalantzis is in contention for a place in the team, and his explosive attack is a threat to opposing defences.



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THIS year, several exciting young players in New South Wales have come into the National Soccer League.

BRAD EARL looks at seven outstanding players who have established themselves as first team regulars this season.

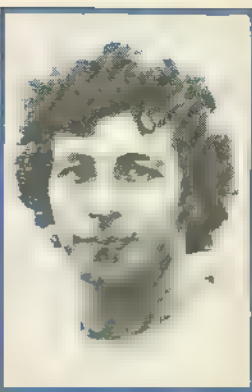
MIKE GIBSON — Penrith City

EARLY in the season, Mike Gibson (right) struggled in NSL after coming up from State League Second Division club Penrith United.

Then after a short spell in reserves, Gibson came back at the end of April and has gone from strength to strength.

His height makes him a dominating figure in the penalty area and he has very good reflexes.

With several impressive displays in the second half of the season, Gibson's future in the NSL, at 21, seems assured



ANDREW KOCKZA

— St George

ST GEORGE coach Frank Arok has had to throw several youngsters into his National League team this year, and Arok's verdict is that Andrew Kockza has been the pick of the crop.

As a striker, he found it hard to hold down a regular place at the start of the season, but injury to Rob O'Shea meant Arok was without a left full-back.

The unlikely choice for that position was Kockza, but he worked hard to develop his defensive qualities.

In recent games he has displayed great tackling and an ability to shadow an opponent closely.

Having just turned 19, he is another player in contention for a Youth Soccerroo place.



JEAN-PAUL DE MARIGNY — Sydney City

JEAN-PAUL DE MARIGNY's extended run in the Sydney City NSL team only eventuated through a positional change.

And like Kockza, it was a switch to left-back that did the trick for the 20-year-old.

In his limited first team appearances, de Marigny was seen as an attacker, but in May coach Eddie Thomson decided that his left foot could be used to greater advantage at full-back.

De Marigny has played consistently well for the Australian Conference leaders since then.

St George BSC v Wollongong City



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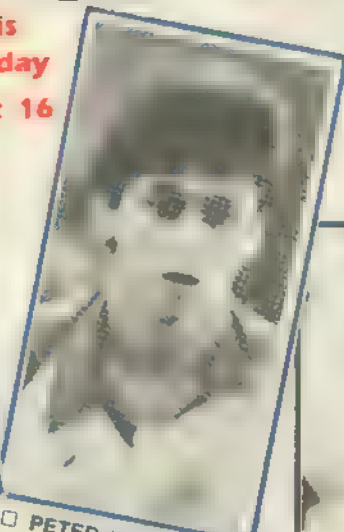
COACH ADRIAN ALSTON



DEZ MARTON (left)



TERRY GREEDY



PETER KOTAMANIDIS



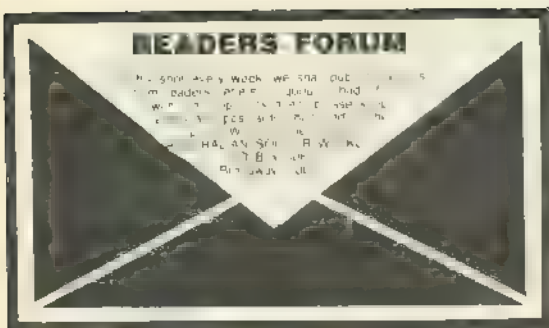
PETER PETKOVSKI



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LARRY GAFFNEY



WELL DONE ASW!

I HAVE been critical in the past, but I'm just as quick to give credit where it's due.

That's an excellent photo of Kerry Millman on the front page, and I am pleased to read of the assistance that ASW has arranged for the touring national women's team.

LEE OWENS,
Publicity Officer, GHWFA,
Gladesville, NSW.

CONGRATULATIONS on your very factual report of the girls' Ku-ring-gai Cup final by Keith Gilmour — and a photograph of the winning team with Craig Johnston too.

One never ceases to be amazed. Well done!

RON WEBSTER,
Oxley High School supporter,
Tamworth, NSW.

A SICK DISPLAY

I'M a relative newcomer to the Soccer arena, but I would just like to say a few things before I am immortalised in bronze as an adamant pro-White Australia Policy supporter.

When Sydney City met Leichhardt at Sydney Athletic Field, I sat outside on the southern side in the sun to watch the game. It wasn't until Leichhardt scored their equaliser and one of their players was taken off injured that the rubbish bins began to fly onto the track, along with the full cans of drink and other rotted debris.

I am sick and tired of this display of unsportsmanship and pure immaturity on the part of this select group of ethnic supporters.

Beside us, as Leichhardt scored their first goal, a male supporter ran down the steps and grabbed the full bin and hurled it onto the

track — gestulating obscenely as he ran back to the open arms of his jeering mates.

I'm sure the clubs themselves know who they are.

It really is a disgrace that one has to be subject to their unaccountable violence and aggression.

These villains are wrecking our image of Australian Soccer and lessening our chances of gaining the badly-needed sponsorship and publicity imperative to make Soccer an ongoing and respectable sport in Australia.

An avid and progressive Soccer supporter,
LYNNE TERRY,
Sydney, NSW

A FRANK CASE

I WOULD like to bring your attention to an interesting article by John Warren in his SMH column 28-8-84.

For the first time for a very long time, a writer who can be described as a semi-official spokesman for the Soccer establishment came out publicly and spoke about the true and disastrous state that club Soccer is in. Instead of the usual pretence and dream-world talk, a frank and rational case was put forward with some interesting and worthy suggestions.

I think anything that starts serious debate on this problem is worthy, but I must slightly disagree on his view that Indoor Soccer will replace the traditional game. As I see it, Indoor Soccer like Indoor Cricket and women's Soccer will rise or fall as supplementary to the traditional game and will never effectively replace it.

As I have repeatedly stated in letters to your

paper over a long period, only drastic and ruthless changes as did happen in 1956-7 followed by daring and innovative changes on the field of play can revive club Soccer in Australia.

To make things worse, the chances of an Australian team qualifying for the 1986 World Cup despite Frank Arok and the general improvement of the Soccerers, is being put under great threat by the even greater advances made by our qualifying opponents such as Israel and no doubt other surprise contenders. These countries place a greater priority on succeeding in World Cup Soccer than we do in Australia where Soccer is not a game of great national importance.

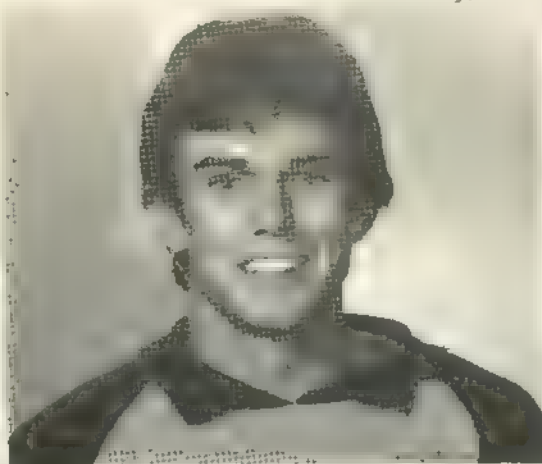
SOCCER FAN,
Sydney, NSW.

FRANKEN FAN

I WOULD like to know if it would be possible to obtain a photo of Anthony Franken, the goalkeeper for the Canberra Soccer team.

I enjoy reading about him in the SOCCER WEEKLY and watching him play.

NOAMI DI DONATO,
Coleambally, NSW



□ ANTHONY FRANKEN. You may obtain a photograph of Australia's young goalkeeping star by writing to the Canberra Arrows Soccer Club, PO Box 207, Dickson, ACT 2602.

ASTONISHING RULE CHANGE

IT was with astonishment that I read your article "Who Goes Up? Nobody Knows". (ASW 21/8/84).

The secretary of the NSW Soccer Federation, Mr Aulden Brown, stated that if two teams in the NSW State League finished equal on points, there would be a play-off.

In the course of many years of experience with associations affiliated with the NSW Soccer Federation and of following the NSW State League competition, I have never come across a situation where the premiership was not awarded to the team with the better goal difference in the event of a tie on points.

Has the NSW Soccer Federation changed this ruling? If so, was this done officially, before the season began.

or just now, two weeks before the final game?

If, as it appears, goal difference is completely irrelevant, why bother to even record scores, why not simply award points for a win or draw? This attitude is hardly conducive to entertaining Soccer.

If this decision to change the rules was not made prior to the commencement of the season, but is, in fact, a case of "My God, the wrong team looks like winning — let's change the rules, quickly!", then Heaven help Australian Soccer!

ALAN MCGOWAN,
Lavington, NSW.

NOT IDEAL

IDEALLY, Australia should have a National League embracing ALL States.

But we do not live in an ideal world and we can only have what we can afford. It must be clear even to blind men that Australia cannot afford a National League.

Let us, then, pass a great vote of confidence in the courageous pioneers who formed and persisted with the PSL and, later, NSL. And send them back to their State Leagues which provide a much less costly set up.

The experiment was marvellous but it failed.

J. CAMERON,
Wollongong, NSW.

NSL SUICIDE

RECENTLY I have read about the NSL proposal for two divisions in the 1985 and 1986 seasons.

Are they really serious or are they hellbent on trying to commit suicide with this stupid plan?

Surely they must realise there are not 44 clubs in the country worthy of competing in the NSL, let alone that many players, without lowering the standard of play in the NSL.

I am hoping that sanity prevails for the good of the game.

I believe there should be 28 teams divided into divisions as it is at the moment, with automatic promotion and relegation.

Tasmania and Western Australia should be included. If you are going to call a competition "national", you must include sides from these States also.

PETER TRPCEVSKI,
Arndcliffe, NSW

MERLION FAN

ALTHOUGH I understand the main attention by the media is focussed on the senior Socceroo team travelling to China and Europe in the near future, I am amazed that no mention in the Press is made about the forthcoming tour of the Socceroo U23 side which will participate in the Merlion Cup next month.

Having attended the first two Merlion Cups and booked again, hopefully to watch this younger team retain the trophy for the third time for Australia, would it be possible for your paper to obtain some information about the squad? Has final selection been made and what nations will play for the trophy?

JOHN ALERS,
Girraween, NSW

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

AIS, SAINTS ARE IN FORM

BY PETER RUSSELL

ONLY AIS and St George of the top five teams of the National Youth League had victories in last weekend's round of matches.

AIS won their top-of-the-table clash with second-placed Melita Eagles despite going 1-0 down after Stewart Johnston put the Eagles in front in the fifth minute.

The Institute replied through Darren Northam in the 10th minute and Lou Hristodilou in the 31st.

Despite the closeness of the score and brief Eagles attacks, the Institute were always in control of the game and never really looked in danger of losing.

Third-placed Newcastle Rosebud were hosts to the Sydney Slickers at Adamstown on Saturday and must consider themselves unlucky to lose 1-0, rattling the Slickers' woodwork on four occasions.

Young Slickers keeper Steve Garamy thwarted all their other attempts. LiveWire Slickers forward Johnny Foxman got the winner in the 84th minute when a free-kick just outside the Rosebuds' area was touched to him and keeper Steve Dorman never saw it.

Pennith were another side who will feel hard done by after the weekend's results, going down by the narrow margin of 1-0 to the Saints.

They missed a penalty in the 35th minute after Nicky Papas had brought down Craig Lowe inside the box. Don Campbell's shot was saved by keeper Warwick Young.

The Panthers were on the attack for most of the game and whilst they were pressing forward in the 56th minute a long clearance found Scott Watson who lobbed keeper David Hayes to score against the run of play.

The Panthers continued to attack and had the ball scrambled off the Saints' goal line by David Grima, but they couldn't find the secret of getting the ball over that line.

Fourth-placed Leichhardt slumped at the hands of the lowly Croatia side and, despite the narrowness of the scoreline, they

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	21	14	3	4	46	22	31
Melita Eagles ...	21	11	4	6	39	30	26
St George	21	11	4	6	46	39	26
Newcastle	21	10	6	5	30	24	26
Leichhardt	21	10	4	7	34	26	24
Canberra	21	11	2	8	41	35	24
Sydney City	21	9	2	10	46	32	20
Marconi	21	7	5	9	32	38	19
Olympic	21	8	2	11	44	45	18
Blacktown	21	7	3	11	21	36	17
Croatia	21	6	3	13	25	40	15
Penrith	21	6	2	13	31	48	14
Wollongong	21	6	2	13	35	55	14

were never really in the hunt.

Croatia created plenty of chances but were unable to convert them into goals, plus the fact that Lady Luck wasn't on their side, with one Slavko Djuc header in the 16th minute hitting the inside of the post and trickling along the line.

Coach Raul Carrizo, a second half substitute, scored the all-important goal direct from a free-kick in the 89th minute.

It took Olympic all of 82 minutes to assert their superiority over the Demons at Pratten Park in what was an evenly contested game.

Terry Patalis who involved in both Olympic's goals. It was his cross that was headed home in the 82nd minute by Bobby Naumov and seven minutes later he headed home an Alex Koussas cross.

In the remaining game down at the 'Gong, Marconi ran out comfortable winners over the Wolves 4-0 after a scoreless first half which the Wolves dominated but failed to find the net.

Tony Manno started the rot in the 46th minute and got his second nine minutes later.

Joe Rizzo made it 3-0 in the 58th minute and Slatko Markovski put the cream on the cake for Marconi in the 80th minute.



□ TERRY PATALIS: had a hand in both goals for Olympic.

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DAUNT 'WANTED'

REPORTS GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS striker Calvin Daunt (pictured) may be the target of transfer bids from Sydney and Melbourne clubs.

Daunt caught the eye of Brunswick Juventus officials when Lions beat the Melbourne team 2-1 at Richlands recently.

Brunswick official Joe Caruso said his club could approach the tall Lions targetman for 1985.

"Daunt is one we cer-

tainly will be looking at. He wins the ball well in the air, is aggressive on the ground and chases when his side is on the defensive," Caruso said.

Already this season Daunt has earned praise from Preston and Sunshine

George Cross officials and is held in high regard by a number of Sydney coaches.

But Daunt, a former Australian Youth squad member, is well settled in Brisbane and it may take a lucrative offer to convince him to head south.

SAM SLAMS NSL EXECUTIVE

BY JOHN FIELD

SAM FISZMAN, Sydney City's Soccer chairman, has blasted the management of the National League once again.

It is the third time this season Fiszman has publicly criticised the rulers of the NSL — and in strong terms.

Fiszman alleged the people at the top were incapable of managing the National League.

Curiously enough, this latest outburst might never have come to light had the Slickers chairman not been upset over a story in a Sydney newspaper.

Various complaints against the NSL management, including a claim that his club had been victimised and the management committee was guilty of mismanagement, were contained in a written submission made by Sydney

City to the NSL executive.

However, when he met the National League committee, Fiszman said he "smoked the peace pipe" and decided not to release to the media his club's written blast.

Then he read in a newspaper that Sydney City had been given a suspended fine of \$1 000 — and that's when he decided to come out fighting.

"I was furious when I read about that fine in the paper ... even before

land my club, had been informed," said Fiszman.

Earlier this year, Fiszman hit the headlines with his criticism of the way the NSL handled the Kosmina death-threat affair.

And even before the season started, he bitterly blasted the people who designed the NSL draw because they had forced Sydney City to play too many away matches in succession.

"My letter to the NSL is an expression of no confidence," said Fiszman.

"They will probably line me up but I am prepared to fight them all the way — in court if necessary."

SAINTS RACE THE CLOCK

ST GEORGE'S hopes of escaping relegation could hinge greatly on Sunday's home match against Wollongong City.

Wollongong have lost their past three matches and are firmly entrenched at the foot of the Australian Conference ladder.

Last weekend Marconi comfortably beat the Wolves 3-0 at Wollongong Showground. Young Wolves defender David Green was the only player

to emerge with his reputation untarnished.

Saints are currently sitting in 10th spot, one point behind Blacktown and Sydney Croatia and three points behind Penrith City and Parramatta-Melita.

The Saints have shown gradual improvement in form during the past two

weeks, defeating Newcastle 3-0 and drawing with NSL newcomers Penrith City 1-1.

One of the brighter points of their play has been the return to form of veteran striker Dez Marton.

Last year Marton played an important role in St George's NSL success,

scoring 11 goals. In the past two weeks he has recaptured his goalscoring touch by scoring three goals for the Saints.

One player who hasn't been among the goals is Robbie Slater, despite his hard work on the right flank.

Midfielder John O'Shea resumes training this week although it is unlikely he will play.



□ DAVID GREEN

PUPPY ON THE BALL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

A PROMINENT NSL goalkeeper's attractive wife brought her little dog to a match at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Completely absorbed by the game, she neglected the puppy as he drifted down to the fence encircling the playing area.

A rival supporter, standing on the fence, was making a lot of noise, shouting abuse to the home team.

The little puppy, being a "home supporter," went completely unnoticed up to the noisy supporter, and cocked his little hind leg up against the man's trousers.

With much precision with his aim, the puppy sprayed the target.

The little puppy, completing his work on the supporter's slacks, scrambled back to his mistress.

The startled Soccer fan looked down on his slacks and saw the damage in horror.

The supporter spun around looking for the culprit, but the pup had drifted away some 25 metres to his mistress, who promptly picked up her pet and cuddled him in her arms, well out of sight.

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□ JOHN O'SHEA: back to training.

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ONE injured player wouldn't have won many friends among his fellow strikers with his comments after a recent National League game.

"My wife could score more goals than our forward-line," the sidelined striker quipped.

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SYDNEY CITY secretary-manager Paul Bayutti handed in a letter of resignation to his club last week, but it was flatly rejected by the Board.

"I was very disappointed that it leaked out to the media," Bayutti told ASW.

"It had nothing to do with Sydney City at all. It was purely a matter of time as pressures in my business have increased greatly recently.

"However, I will admit as well, that I have become terribly despondent with the way Soccer is being handled at the moment."

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PENRITH CITY's emergence as a top five candidate is largely due to the fine form of six players who form the defensive core of their team.

Goalkeeper Mike Gibson, full-backs Peter Brogan and Mickey Cross, centre-backs Paul Daley and Dave McIntosh and midfield linkman Jeff Ainsworth have formed a strong unit for the Panthers.

Ainsworth, signed from Wollongong City, came back from injury at the beginning of August and his return coincided with a run that has seen Penrith sneak into the vital fifth spot.

□ BELOW: JEFF AINSWORTH (left) chases Marconi's Tommy McCulloch for Penrith City.

PHIL O'CONNOR's bid to break back into the Socceroo team almost came unstuck last week — when he got caught in a traffic jam on the way to training.

O'Connor, recovered from the lingering injury that kept him out of the World Soccer Series, was keen to impress national coach Frank Arok at the Sydney training camp.

"However, I was stuck in a traffic hold-up on Mt Ousley on my way up from Wollongong, and I didn't think I'd get to St George Stadium in time for training," O'Connor said.

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IT has been a year of near-misses for Manly Warringah in the NSW State League — and there are no prizes for just missing the honours.

Manly finished in third place in first grade and second in the reserves and the third grade.

By any standards, this represents an excellent year, but it means nothing because the prize Manly wanted, promotion to the National League, evaded them.

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DAVID RATCLIFFE's knee injury was a severe blow to St George and to Australia.

Saints coach Frank Arok commented: "We are really running out of players — it looks as if Frank Lang and I may be needed to pull on our boots soon!"

Lang is Arok's assistant and was in charge of the squad while the national coach was overseas recently.



UP AND AT 'EM! Rangers' Australian strike David Mitchell sets up an attack against Celtic. It's been quite a hectic summer for young Mitchell, who while "questing" for Australia against Rangers scored the winning goal and accidentally broke a leg of Ibrox team-mate Colin McAdam!

SHOOT!

SHOOT magazine, the "bible" of UK football, commented that David Mitchell "accidentally broke a leg of team-mate Colin McAdam" during the World Soccer Series match between Australia and Glasgow Rangers.

ASW saw the incident the other way round — and so did match referee Doug Rennie. Rennie said after the match that if McAdam hadn't been carried off, he would have been sent off.

A full-page colour photograph of Mitchell was featured in a recent issue of SHOOT (above).

"Mitch" has appeared in Rangers' first team in the opening matches of the new Scottish season, indicating that he is in favour with manager Jock Wallace.

That's good news for Australia and coach Frank Arok, who is watching Mitchell's progress very closely.



THE Socceroo training camp held at St George Stadium last week looked more like the casualty section of Prince Alfred Hospital.

At the conclusion of the two-day camp, no fewer than seven players had missed training sessions because of injuries.

Two players — John Kosmina and Jimmy Patikas — didn't even train.

Footscray midfielder Vlatko Belic and Melbourne Croatia's Tommy Cumming and Tony Curcio all suffered foot injuries, while St George goalie Terry Greedy (neck) and Ian Gray (groin) were also struggling.



□ JIMMY PATIKAS on the treatment table at St George Stadium last week under the watchful eye of Australian team physiotherapist, Charlie Jurisic.

WOLLONGONG CITY hope to raise \$50,000 from a rock concert on September 30 at Brandon Park.

Dragon will head the list of attractions and tickets already are selling well.

The concert is on over the long weekend so it should attract rock fans from Sydney and special trains have been arranged direct to Fairy Meadow Station.

Unfortunately, the Wollongong players won't be at the "gig" as they have another engagement against Leichhardt at Henson Park that afternoon.



CHARLIE EGAN, South Melbourne and Australia's nippy striker, brought some humour to the John Kosmina-Charlie Yankos death threat affairs.

"It's getting to the stage where players will refuse to play if they HAVEN'T received a death threat," Egan said.

AN orthopaedic surgeon has revealed the final chapter in Danny Wright's unlucky injury-plagued season.

The surgeon, using special X-rays, has diagnosed that Wright has a damaged ankle joint. He has told the former Young Socceroo that total rest is the only cure.

Wright twisted the ankle more than five months ago and has tried playing twice since. Although he has been able to run, it has been painful to kick the ball.

"I have been told there is no risk of permanent damage because of the injury but the doctor said no running and confine my exercise to weights and swimming," Wright said.

LAST week, a vitally important meeting was held at the Apia club for the NSW clubs in the National Soccer League.

Penrith City did not turn up. Why?

PARRAMATTA MELITA who looked assured of a position in the semi-final playoffs midway through the season, have been going through the horrors in recent weeks.

With successive losses to lowly Wollongong City, Newcastle and more recently ex-State League opponents Blacktown City, it came as no surprise to see a leading official blessing the club and ground last week.

This obviously didn't work. Melita suffered another setback when experienced midfielder John Davies was ferried off to hospital with a broken ankle suffered during training.

ADELAIDE CITY's Aurelio Vidmar suffered a cruel blow the other week.

The 17-year-old forward, who plays in the club's reserves in the SA State League First Division, was called up for the NSL squad by coach Edmund Kreft.

The youngster was looking forward to the trip to Preston until City discovered Vidmar was not registered with the NSL, only the local Federation.

He may still get his big chance.

LEICHHARDT midfielder Peter Tredinnick obviously hasn't impressed national coach Frank Arok this season.

"Treds" was overlooked for a position in either the Australian "A" or "B" squad for the World Soccer Series, and now has suffered another major setback to his representative ambitions, missing selection in the preliminary Socceroo squad to tour the world in November.

THERE will be no stopping Gerry Gomez after his two goals effort for Sydney Slickers against Leichhardt.

Coach Eddie Thomson said: "He'll be mad to score a few more now he's got the taste for goalscoring. I'm sure I won't need to tell him to go upfield for set-pieces."

BRISBANE CITY will play to the end of the season under the guidance of a three-man panel made up to club officials.

The club considered appointing a player to coach the team, as was done several seasons ago.

But the club decided it was unfair to ask a player to take on the added responsibility.

Likely candidate, captain Frank Pimblett — who played at City when George Potter was player-coach — is thankful for that decision.

"It just doesn't work. I think the present arrangement will suit until the end of the season. I can't see too many problems developing, we have been playing good football but the luck has not been with us," Pimblett said.



JOHN DAVIES: broken ankle.

SYDNEY CROATIA players welcome the return of Dave Rezo from injury.

Rezo, 22, came through the ranks at Croatia, and he was the star performer in their 1982 Grand Final victory over Sutherland.

"Dave's a real work-horse in the midfield," team-mate Wally Savor said last week.

FORMER NSL Player of the Year Jim Hermiston is playing with as much enthusiasm as ever as a midfielder for Brisbane Premier League club North Star.

Hermiston's illustrious career is about to be put into print.

Former Brisbane **COURIER-MAIL** Soccer writer Bruce Waddell intends writing Hermiston's biography.

Waddell has been working in Britain for the past two years and recently began researching Hermiston's background in Scotland.

"I would be interested to see the end result. I told Bruce I would help him, because there are a lot of funny stories I've come across over the years," Hermiston said.

FORMER Brisbane Lions and Leichhardt player Alan Hughes, now with Brisbane City, will miss the remainder of the National League season.

Hughes, who played for Queensland last season, has had to return to Scotland for family reasons.

He has been a valuable player for City over the past two seasons, filling in as a winger, a midfielder and even a full-back.

JOE VLASITS, former Australian coach and New South Wales director of coaching, is currently touring Europe.

Vlasits will receive a surprise on his return, as he is to be honoured at a special dinner in October. NSW Federation executive member Les Fairclough is handling arrangements.

Get in touch with Les if you want to be among the many people wishing to pay tribute to Joe Vlasits, a coach who has contributed enormously to Soccer in this country.

Les Fairclough's number is 638-3124.



DAVE REZO on the ball for Sydney Croatia, pursued by Parramatta Melita's Don Allan.

WITH suspensions and the news that Neville Power had broken his ankle, Newcastle has had heaps of trouble in its central defence.

But you wouldn't know it because of the form of teenager Neil Owens. This young man's composure has earned him rave reviews in his home town and the certainty of an NSL career.

Rosebud officials believe he is one youth player worth looking at for representative consideration.

WHAT a difference a week makes...

Wollongong City played Canberra at Bruce Stadium recently and changed in the spacious dressing rooms underneath the main stand.

A week later, Canberra made the trip to Wollongong to play at Dapto Showground and had to change in a small tin shed along with the Wollongong players, the referee and the linesmen.

"You've got to be joking," said one Canberra player as he walked in to the "shed".

Canberra coach Doug Collins said it was a bit like playing at Wembley Stadium one week and turning up at Halifax the next.

A sad commentary of sporting facilities in Wollongong and it's about time the people of the city did something about it.

MARCONI are not very pleased with the Australian Soccer Federation — and we don't blame them.

Two Marconi players were called up for training with the Socceroo squad last week, but the club was not informed.

"It's not easy arranging training sessions when you are not told important players like Tommy McCulloch and Rod Brown will be missing," complained coach Les Scheinflug.

AUSTRALIAN team medico Dr Brian Corrigan will be the guest speaker at the Queensland Rothmans Medal presentation on Friday, October 5.

Dr Corrigan, who has accompanied the Socceroos on numerous occasions, has just returned from the Los Angeles Olympics where he worked with the Australian men's Hockey team.

The past two Queensland Rothmans Medals have been won by Ken Swan, who is out of the running this season after transferring to National League club, Brisbane City.

Favourites for this season's medal include Mount Gravatt's Martin Kirsopp, Ipswich's Ron Millman, North Star's Jim Hermiston and Grange Thistle's Steve Dolan, a former winner.

NEVER count your chickens...

We hear that the Queensland contingent had bought six bottles of champagne before the final against South Australia in the Under 16 Championship in Sydney. SA won 1-0.



GEORGE CAMPBELL, one of four leading players who work for the RACV.

SYDNEY CROATIA have gone to great lengths to insist the sacking of Harry Noon was not inspired by their desire to create a vacancy for Vedran Rozic.

Rozic has been barred from playing by the Yugoslavian Football Federation.

"This was not planned," said secretary Peter Lukunic. "Rozic is contracted to us as a player."

ALTHOUGH he leaves for England's Nottingham Forest in two months, Alan Davidson is concentrating on the Australian championship.

"My first priority is to help South Melbourne win the NSL title," Davidson said. "I want to leave Australia on a winning note."

IF your car breaks down in Melbourne, don't worry.

Four well-known NSL players work for the RACV — Victoria's equivalent to the NRMA.

Bobby McGuinness (Green Gully), Jeff Oliver (Heidelberg), Steven Blair (South Melbourne) and George Campbell (Preston) certainly wouldn't be short of Soccer conversation on Monday mornings.

FULL-BACK John Papazoglou is the latest West Adelaide casualty.

He appears out for the rest of the season as he will need a knee operation, joining midfielder Steve Atsalas, George Konstantopoulos who have also felt the surgeon's knife this year, and are still sidelined.

Brenton Hiern also had an ankle operation but is back in action.

TRIVIA department.

When is a No 10 a No 11?

When West Adelaide's Tim Brown turned out with 10 on his shirt and 11 on his shorts.

WEST ADELAIDE veteran Neil McGachey is organising a massive reunion of former players — West and those who played under the Hellas banner in years gone by.

He started work on the project months ago, and the invitations have gone out for a dinner on Saturday, November 3, with wives and or girlfriends included.

Invitations have gone interstate as well as to Greece and the UK.

SOCCER AROUND AUSTRALIA

RULES HELPS HIS

BY PHIL MURPHY

GOALKEEPER Shaun Dunbar has found two years of Australian Rules have done wonders for his Soccer.

Dunbar has been one of the success stories at Bellambi this season and taking all those high marks have helped him a lot.

A Bellambi junior product, he gave away Soccer for Rules when he was 14 but eventually decided he liked Soccer best.

A bus driver, Dunbar missed only one premier-ship game this season and allowed only six goals through in the second round.

Coach Tony Gill rates Dunbar highly and says the 'keeper has played a big part in the team's good run.

Bellambi reached the final of the Bampton Cup only to lose on penalty kicks to Warilla Wanderers.

They also qualified in second spot for the premier league semi-finals something Gill would only have dreamt of at the start of the season.

THE stage is set for the Soccer spectacular of the season at Wollongong Showground on Sunday — Fairy Meadow against Wollongong Macedonia with the prize a place in State League next season.

Midway through the season, it seemed Fairy Meadow would carry Illawarra's hopes in the promotion battle but Wollongong have made a great late run.

With coach John Bingham inspiring his players on the field, Wollongong have remained undefeated since they lost to Fairy Meadow at home back in April.

While Wollongong have been picking up points every week, Fairy Meadow have had some disappointing results.

Losses to Revesby and Artarmon and a draw with Belmore — all at home — have certainly cost Fairy Meadow the title.

At one stage, they were five points clear and looked safe.

Coach Mike Johnson has had a few sleepless nights trying to get his team back "on the rails" but this week is their last chance.

It is a matter of attitude and at times recently some of my players have been lacking in this department," Johnson said.

"We have the players to beat Wollongong and this game means a lot to the club."

ARIS have a very talented young player in 17-year-old striker Joe Coelho.

He scored the goal which beat champions Port Kembla in the first division major semi-finals and was generally very impressive.

Coelho looks to have the knack of getting himself into scoring positions and this is a good sign for a player so young.

He came up through the Wollongong City youth teams and no doubt that club will be interested in getting him back.

In the meantime, Coelho will be leading the Aris attack in this weekend's grand final.

SHELLHARBOUR official Otto Bader is all smiles even though his team didn't make the premier league semi-finals.

He says coach Gary Masters has the basis of a top young squad for next season and they won't miss out in 1985.

"The oldest player in our line-up for the last game against Cringila was Ian Bradburn and he is 24," Bader said.

Grahame Mackender is just 18 and looks a very good prospect in goal while two 17-year-olds, Milenko Zugic and John Neloski, will make an impact next season.

Masters seems certain to stay on at Shellharbour to help develop the youngsters.

CONISTON finished on the bottom of the Premier League with just two wins all season and must now await their fate.

They are relegation material but the fact they have such a good ground and facilities may save them.

Secretary Lex McLean said the club are hoping to stay up and be able to get some experienced players for next season.

We have a few Coniston juniors who have come up in to first grade this season but they need experienced players along side them," McLean said.

"It has been a disappointing year but our players have shown a lot of fight and we always got good roll-ups at training."

SOCCER

Coniston finished bottom of the Premier League but it would be a surprise if they were relegated because of their good set up at Kelly Park.

There have been rumours of an amalgamation between Coniston and Aris and this would prove the best solution to both clubs.

Aris would be able to move to Kelly Park permanently and have the players and support Coniston have lacked this season.

GARY MANN showed his versatility when Bulli coach Norm Flanagan had a problem against West-Figtree in the last Premier League round.

Key defender John van Ede had to miss the game because he was best man at a wedding and Flanagan was left without a regular centre-half.

Striker Mann moved back to fill the role and had a top game.

Flanagan is now hoping Mann adapts back to his normal role quickly in this week's semi-final and gets among the goals.

WARILLA WANDERERS secretary Joe Ramos says striker Robert Hernandez has fulfilled a promise he made at the start of the season.

Hernandez told Warilla officials he would be leading goalscorer in premier league and he did just that with 22 goals.

Just for good measure, he struck home both goals in the Bampton Cup Final against Bellambi, the second with a spectacular header just before the end to force extra time.

THIS year's Premier League grand final will again be played at Memorial Park and the date will be Saturday, September 22.

There had been moves behind the scenes to have the venue switched this year to spread the wealth around.

It seems some people don't like happy with Coniston making all that money at their canteen.

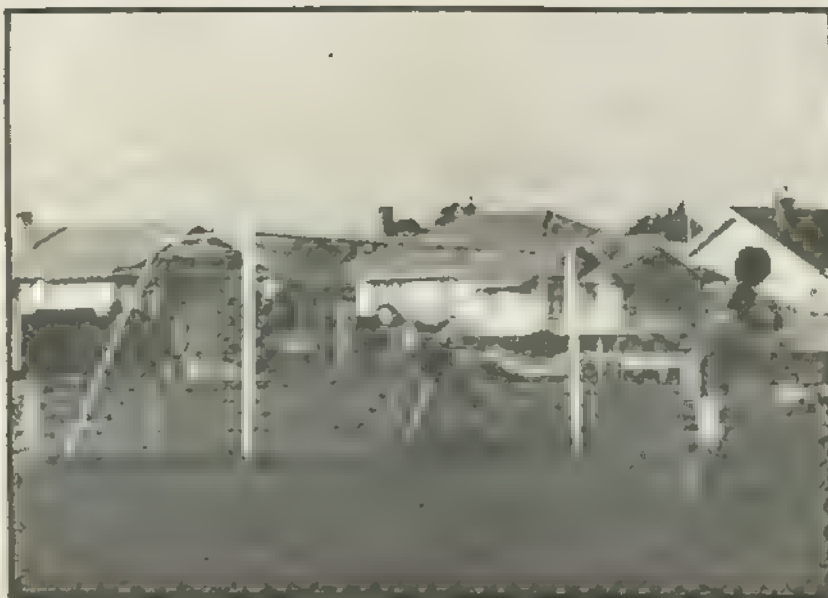
MAIN interest in Illawarra just now is who goes out and who comes in when the formation of the 1985 Premier League is released.

Port Kembla streeted the opposition to win the first division title and will have a more suitable ground when they lodge their application for Premier League.

Rivals Aris are developing a ground at Primbee but this won't be ready in time and they are making enquiries about Wollongong Showground for Saturday fixtures.

GLENN SHEPHERD is back with his old club Bellambi and playing in a new role and it seems to be working out well.

Coach Tony Gill tried Shepherd out as a sweeper rather than his regular mid-field role and seems very happy with the results.



Olympia's goalkeeper, Martin Burden, dives but is unable to stop Sean Collins' shot which gave University a 1-0 win. — (Photo by Ralph Dymond)

JUVENTUS TAKE TASSIE TITLE

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

JUVENTUS — PIONEER clinched the 1984 Cadbury State League title in Tasmania with a 2-2 draw against University.

Richard Leszczynski gave University a 10th minute lead but Nick Di Martino headed Juventus level from Morton's corner seven minutes later.

Ken Morton put Juventus in front with a great goal in the 28th minute, fashioned by left winger John Broadhouse.

The second half had barely begun when Peter Crowther ran on to the end of Bobby Rybak's cross from the right and steered the ball in off the far post. Craven made a desperate attempt to scoop the ball out but the ball had already crossed the line.

The score remained at 2-2 and Juventus had the point it needed to retain the title.

NO CHANGES THIS TIME

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE controversial Queensland Soccer Federation restructuring committee will not interfere with the promotion and relegation of teams this season.

The committee completely reshuffled the divisions at the end of last season and asked for the clubs to agree to a three-year moratorium on promotion and relegation.

The clubs refused that request, and now some are fearing the committee may step in again to keep the teams it selected in their present divisions.

Rumours along those lines have been rife in Brisbane over the past few weeks. Some clubs officials have labelled their relegation rivals as "Federation favourites" while some promotion candidates are wary that their involvement in attempting to block last year's sweeping restructuring could be used against them this season.

Both teams were in action again later. The champion doomed Phoenix Lauderdale to relegation by beating it 2-0, both goals coming from Romeo Fabrizio, the younger brother of Brisbane City's Luciano.

University beat Olympia WPL 1-0 with a stunning goal scored on the hour by Sean Collins.

Dominic Frattaccio

showed a brilliant piece of skill in beating Ronnie Bolton on the halfway line before knocking a long ball forward to Dominic O'Brien who was just inside the penalty area.

O'Brien laid the ball back and the chance seemed to have gone when Crowther over ran it but Collins, who was surging forward in support, hit a tremendous shot into the net from 25 metres. "I think the net was smouldering afterwards," said an elated Collins in his Irish brogue.

Rapid squandered a 2-0 half-time lead against Metro-Clermont and were forlorn in the end to get a point.

Greg Ashwood and Paul Fone scored Metro's goals in the 2-2 draw.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	20	15	2	3	49	21	32
Rapid	19	11	2	6	46	26	24
Uni	20	11	2	7	41	33	24
Olympia	19	9	5	5	41	29	23
Calles	19	9	2	8	45	42	20
Phoenix	19	8	1	8	23	33	14
Cringila	19	8	1	8	33	18	11
Phoenix	20	3	2	15	13	53	8

MICHAEL THE TAILOR Goalscoring Award
14 I. Parker (Caledonians); 13 W. Kirkpatrick (Rapid); 11 P. Sherman (Olympia); R. Leszczynski (University); 10 K. Morton (Juventus); P. Crowther (University).

FIJI FOR QLD

AN Australian tour by the Fiji national team looks certain to go ahead following a request by the Oceania Confederation for Queensland to foster Pacific region matches.

The Confederation met in Brisbane for the first time recently and approached Queensland Federation president and ASF vice president Ian Brusasco to help organise future tours.

The Confederation wants the full Queensland team to play matches against Fiji and Papua New Guinea on a reciprocating basis.

It also wants the State to host a training camp for the PNG Youth team before it competes in the World Youth Championship qualifying matches next year.

Brusasco is very enthusiastic about the prospect of more matches for the Maroons.

"We have always been in favour of representative football and all we are waiting for now is a letter from Fiji so we can begin negotiations," Brusasco said.

Meanwhile, two Queensland Premier League clubs will tour the South Pacific at the end of this season.

Ipswich United will undertake a seven-day tour of New Caledonia, while Grange Thistle will spend six days in the Solomon Islands.

With the Premier League season concluding last weekend, the programme this Sunday wings into the finals with the knockout semi-final at Perry Park between the third and fourth-placed sides.

The Premier League Grand Final is scheduled for October 7 with Moan, Gravatt and Ipswich who have dominated the fixtures favourites to win through.

Ipswich scored the Golden Circle Trophy for the second round winners, edging out Mount Gravatt that reversed the result of the first round competition when the Hawks won the President's Trophy for the first round leaders.

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PANES SCORES THE WINNER

DESPITE creating the better goalscoring chances, Sutherland bowed out of this year's semi-final series losing 1-0 to Manly Warringah at the Gabbie Stadium.

It was young Manly striker Simon Panes who scored the all-important winner with just five minutes remaining.

Midfielder Steven Leak put through Bobby Pagano on the right-flank and his pin-point cross was headed confidently into goal from six-metres by Panes.

In fact, Panes could have pushed the score to 2-0 but his penalty attempt after he had been fouled inside the Sutherland penalty area crashed against the wood-

work and team-mate Steve Leak was ruled offside following through.

Manly-Warringah president George Dick was delighted with the Seasiders win.

"We soaked up the pressure but when it came to the crunch we scored."

"Don't forget that we were without sweeper Bruce Doyle, defender John Dick and striker Mark Holloway. Stephen Leak was also carrying a hamstring injury," Dick added.

Sutherland should be extremely disappointed with the result. They dominated during the opening stages with midfielders Craig Rogers, Jimmy Webber and Mark Harrington starring.

In fact, it was Webber who almost broke the deadlock in the 20th minute, when from 35 metres, he blasted the ball against the junction of the upright and crossbar.

Sutherland striker Nigel Groome also made himself accustomed to the woodwork. His attempt from a John Stoddart corner 10 minutes later rattled the underside of the Manly crossbar and was cleared from danger.

Stoddart came close in the 35th minute when his well-flighted corner deceived the Manly defence but was cleared from the goaline.

Manly's best chance in the first half fell for Leak six minutes before the break but he was denied by a fine save from Sutherland's Paul Dart.

Sutherland maintained their momentum during the second half but the Manly defence was equal to the task.

Manly, led by experienced midfielder Tom Steven, slowly gained ascendancy. They applied pressure to the Sutherland goal and were rewarded with Panes' winning goal minutes before full time.

One of the most pleasing aspects of Manly's win was

□ STEVE LEAK

the dedication and application of young players Paul Jurgens, Stuart Dick, Wayne Pierce, Ross Ethrington, Jeff Barker and Simon Panes.

SUTHERLAND: Paul Dart, Mitch Hesford, Peter Terry, Keith Schuman, Vic Dal Forno, Jimmy Webber, Craig Rogers, John Stoddart, Nigel Groome, Brian Gray, Mark Harrington.

MANLY: Chris Cassettari, Paul Jurgens, Stuart Dick, Wayne Pierce, Roy Jones, Steven Leak, Tom Steven, Ross Ethrington (Jeff Barker 45), Robbie Stuart, Simon Panes, Bobby Pagano.



□ JOHN STODDART

BERRIES BOW OUT

CANTERBURY-Marrickville bowed out of this year's second grade competition losing to Sutherland 2-0 at the Gabbie Stadium.

The Berries "looked the goods" throughout the 90 minutes but failed to take advantage of their goalscoring opportunities.

Against the run of play Sutherland opened the scoring through Glen Foster in the 85th minute and with two minutes remaining Scott Hughes put the issue beyond doubt.

SUTHERLAND: Burckmore, Foster, Sellar, Burrow, Le Rond (Connor 65), Cox, Watkins, Knowles, Hughes, Parsons, Lasker.

CANTERBURY: Vougdis, Bortolui, Passalos, Miskovic, Del Fokis, Biasou, Philpou, Pelekakis (SO 90), Kalogeris, Fernatis, Pettas (Sineglou 60).

NSW TABLES

DIV 1 - GDE 1

MONARO	22	15	5	3	61	24	33
Rockdale	22	14	4	4	46	23	32
Manly	22	11	5	2	43	18	30
S'tand	22	11	5	6	35	21	27
Auburn	22	8	8	6	17	16	24
K'gai	22	7	7	8	26	32	21
Polonia	22	7	5	10	24	31	19
C-M'vie	22	6	6	10	20	41	18
Avala	22	5	6	11	30	46	16
W'gah	22	6	4	12	24	43	16
B'town	22	5	5	12	23	48	15
YUGAL	22	3	7	12	24	30	13

DIV 1 - GDE 2

K'GAI	22	16	4	2	50	12	36
Manly	22	16	3	3	71	18	35
C-M'vie	22	14	3	5	41	24	31
S'tand	22	13	3	6	59	23	29
Auburn	22	11	5	6	40	30	27
Rockdale	22	10	3	9	45	50	23
B'town	22	8	2	12	31	36	18
W'gah	22	7	4	11	25	43	18
Avala	22	5	5	12	24	41	15
Monaro	22	6	2	14	22	50	14
Yugal	22	3	4	15	15	63	10
POLONIA	22	2	4	16	21	54	8

DIV 1 - GDE 3

S'LAND	20	14	4	2	51	20	32
Manly	20	15	1	4	50	18	31
C-M'vie	20	13	3	4	43	20	29
Polonia	19	13	1	5	48	20	27
Auburn	20	12	2	6	49	27	26
B'town	20	7	2	11	26	31	16
Rockdale	20	7	0	13	22	48	14
Avala	20	5	2	13	32	46	12
Yugal	19	6	0	13	16	47	12
K'gai	20	5	0	15	14	47	10
W'GAIH	20	3	3	14	24	53	9

DIV 2 - GDE 1

Fairy M	23	18	2	3	52	18	38
W'gong M	23	16	6	1	44	13	38
Bathurst	23	12	8	3	42	20	32
Dee Why	23	13	5	5	56	23	31
Glad-Hby	23	12	3	8	39	27	27
Norths	23	9	7	7	39	32	25
Blktwn U	22	9	6	7	41	24	24
Rev Wrks	23	8	6	9	31	27	22
Belmore	23	4	8	11	23	44	18
Pen Utd	23	5	4	14	29	56	14
Artarmon	22	4	4	14	30	61	12
NSW Uni	22	3	3	16	16	64	9
Parra City	23	3	2	18	36	69	8

SHARKS PLANS

SUTHERLAND SHIRE Soccer Club have set out on an ambitious \$250,000 project destined to make it one of the most attractive clubs in NSW.

Sutherland secretary, Bruce Cox feels the improvements to the club's facilities have been long overdue.

"The club has needed a facelift for a long time," he said.

"We have fallen behind the times. Many people might think it's a gamble spending so much money but it will make us one of

the biggest Soccer clubs in Australia."

The upgraded facilities to the social club include a new poker machine area, as well as a new bar and the auditorium will be increased from its present size. Car parking facilities will be further updated.

Sutherland had disappointments this year when their well-laid plans to join the National Soccer League were rejected. Cox is confident the Sharks will be promoted to the NSL in the not too distant future.

"It was disappointing missing out on a spot in this year's revamped competition but we are confident of bouncing back."

"When the time comes I'm sure we will get there," Cox added.

Sutherland can proudly boast having one of the biggest junior associations in Australia with more than 8,500 registered players. This is one of the major reasons why the Sharks have taken steps to improve their facilities.

"Our club should be a lot bigger," Cox said.

As it stands we are offering our juniors nothing at all."

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TOP ACTION SOCCER

DIVISION 1 SEMI-FINALS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

ST GEORGE STADIUM 1 v 2

3rd gde Sutherland v Manly 11am

2nd gde Ku-ring-gai v Manly 1pm

1st gde Monaro v Rockdale 3pm

DIVISION 2

SATURDAY, SEPT 15

Artarmon v Uni of NSW Artarmon Reserve

Nth Bankstown v Blacktown Utd Potts Pk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Artarmon v Glades-Hby Artarmon Reserve

Dee Why v Pen Utd Cromer Pk

Fairy Meadow v W'gong Police Boys Grd

Rev Workers v Belmore Miperra Reserve

P'matta City v Bathurst '75 Garside Pk

Uni of NSW v Blacktown Utd Little Bay Oval

DIVISION 3

FINALS

SUNDAY, SEPT 16

1st gde Campbelltown City

v Queens Park 3pm

2nd gde Campbelltown City

v Queens Park 1pm

3rd gde Baulkham Hills v

Bondi Marine 11am

NEXT WEEK

DIVISION 1 — FINALS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

GABBIE STADIUM

DIVISION 2 — SEMI FINALS

SEPTEMBER 22 & 23

STATE HEADQUARTERS PARKLEA

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION 3 vs 4 SEMI FINALS
Manly Warringah v S'and Shire 1-0 1st
Cant-M'ville Oly v S'and Shire 0-2 2nd
Polonia v Cant-M'ville Oly 2-1 3rd

2nd DIVISION
Nth Bankstown v Artarmon 1-1 6-0 3-0
Gl'ville Hornsby v Dee Why Swans 2-0 3-0 2-3
W'gong Mace v Revasby Workers 2-1 0-1 0-1
P'matta City v Belmore 1-3 0-3 0-1
Bathurst 75 v Uni of NSW 2-0 0-1 2-1
Penrith United v Blacktown United 0-1 1-4 2-1
Penrith United v Fairy Meadow 0-4 1-1 4-1

3rd DIVISION — FINALS
C'town City v Bond Marine 2-0 1st
C'town City v Bond Marine 3-1 2nd
Bond Marine v M'Druid Town 5-4p 3rd
Queen Park E.S. v King Tomislav 3-1 1st
Kingsford v Queens Park E/S 1-2 2nd

Baulkham Hills v C'town City 2-0 3rd

INTER URBAN 1st DIVISION — FINALS
Rooty Hill v C'town Gunners 5-1 1st
Rooty Hill v Eastwood S/A 1-5 2nd

2nd DIVISION — FINALS
Chelsea v Macarthur United 0-0 1st
H'bury District v Macquarie Uni. 4-5 2nd

3rd DIVISION — FINALS
Rosebery v Dulwich Hill 6-1 1st
Dulwich Hill v M F Rangs 1-0 2nd

4th DIVISION — FINALS
Castle Hill v Concord Juniors 3-2p 2nd

5th DIVISION — FINALS
P'sham Lusitanos v Abruzzi 3-1 1st
Calabria v Abruzzi 1-2 2nd

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OCEANIA JUNIORS AUTOMATIC CHOICE

AUSTRALIA is part of the Oceania Football Confederation and Oceania has been battling for automatic World Cup Finals membership.

RIVERINA MATCHES

COACH Ron Smith will be in charge of the Young Socceroos when they play Riverina in Albury on October 26 and in Wagga on October 28.

Smith has had extensive youth coaching experience and for a period was the Victorian director of coaching.

He is assistant to Jim Shoulder, the head Soccer coach at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Shoulder will be in charge of the Australian team to defend the Merbion Cup, which will be contested in Singapore at the same time as the Albury and Wagga matches.

This represents a welcome change in the thinking of world body FIFA. Success could influence thought for the World U19 Youth Cup in the future.

The World U16 Youth Cup comes on line in China in August 1985.

In 1986 the Oceania championship will be held again, with the winner moving on to the 1987 World Cup.

It is a great prospect ahead for Australian

schoolboy and junior players.

For the World Cup, the airfares and accommodation are arranged by FIFA. Countries involved have to arrange their own selection and assembly costs.

Not so with the U16 juniors when the World U16 Cup starts in China in 1985.

Oceania is an automatic qualifier, and Australia has already qualified to represent this South Pacific area.

The five other large confederations that cover the

rest of the globe receive three places each.



ASF TO CONTROL NATIONAL U16S

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY raised plenty of hackles back in July.

We wrote: "The ASF should closely examine a proposal to hand over conduct of the Australian U16 Youth team in China in its entirety to the National Junior Council."

The viewpoint we expressed then was that the Australian U16 team should be a complete link in the national team process and be subject to the same general rules as the U19 Youth, Olympic and full national teams.

It seems now that our warning has been heeded. ASF executive director Brian Emery said: "There

is a definite move to bring the U16 team right in under the ASF banner."

Recommendations have come from various States and they indicate that the idea has the full support of their own juniors.

ASF believes that Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia and NSW are right behind the move.

Now that Vic Dalglish is handling the coaching, it is up to the ASF to ensure that its own administrative expertise is made freely available for such an important event.

CHINA OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG AUSSIES

AUSTRALIAN schoolboy Soccer footballers will receive the best chance available to any young sportsmen to compete at international level.

Their magnificent opportunity will occur in the first two weeks of August 1985 when the cream of Australian youth will be playing in the first World Under 16 Cup in China.

Australia will represent Oceania in the

Cup as the Oceania U15 winners in New Zealand last December.

But FIFA made a surprise change.

They will use January 1 as the relevant birthdate and not August 1, as has been the case in the past.

It is a changeover from a purely European scheme and reflects a changed attitude brought about by the arrival of Sepp Blatter into control at FIFA's Zurich headquarters.

However, some Australian youngsters

will no longer be qualified for the tournament on an age basis.

The ASF learnt of the change in time to send coach Vic Dalglish post haste to Perth to check over talent in the Australian U15 championships.

NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

—U13—

Round 1, Southern NSW 2, Western NSW 1, St George 2, Riverina 0, Merita 0, Granville 0.

Round 2, St George 1, Southern NSW 0, Granville 10, Western NSW 0, Merita 10, Riverina 0.

Round 3, Riverina 2, Southern NSW 2, Merita 10, Western NSW 0, St George 2, Granville 1.

Round 4, Merita 4, Southern NSW 2, St George 10, Western NSW 0, Granville 6, Riverina 1.

Round 5, St George 1, Merita 1, Western NSW 3, Riverina 0, Granville 3, Southern NSW 2.

State and Metropolitan Champions: St George, runners up Merita. Country Champions: Southern NSW, runners up Western NSW.

—U16—

Round 1, Marconi 10, Riverina 0, Western NSW 4, Southern NSW 2, St George 2, Sydney Olympic 0.

Round 2, Marconi 4, Southern NSW 0, St George 1, Western NSW 1, Sydney Olympic 12, Riverina 0.

Round 3, Southern NSW 6, Riverina 0, Sydney Olympic 4, Western NSW 1, Marconi 3, St George 0.

Round 4, Sydney Olympic 12, Southern NSW 0, Marconi 6, Western NSW 0, St George 3, Riverina 0.

Round 5, Marconi 1, Sydney Olympic 1, Western NSW 5, Riverina 0, Southern NSW 3, St George 2.

State and Metropolitan Champions: Marconi, runners up Sydney Olympic. Country Champions: Western NSW, runners up Southern NSW.

■ Next week ASW will feature team and action photos from the U13 and U16 series.

DISAPPOINTMENT

RESULTS from neither the National U14 Championships in Newcastle nor the U15s in Perth were carried in the daily papers.

ASW will carry as much information as possible on these championships, but Soccer fans want the day to day scores as soon as they can get them.

The same situation applied for the NASW Schoolboys tour of New Zealand and then again for the Australian Championships in Hobart.

Each day the Australian Women's Championship results were sent out Australia wide from Canberra.

The National Junior Council and the Australian Schoolboys Soccer Federation should see that these matters are put straight in 1985.

VICTORIANS TOO STRONG

VICTORIA ran out close but worthy winners of the Australian U14 Championship played in Newcastle.

The series was decided right on the last day. Northern NSW were second on points, followed by South Australia but behind on goal difference and NSW fourth.

Then followed Queensland, Tasmania, Western

Australia, Northern Territory and the A.C.T. Tasmania, coached by famous NSL coach Ken Morton, put on a great performance.

The results from the NSW viewpoint were: v S A 0-1, v Victoria 0-3, v W A 6-

0, v ACT 5-0, v Northern Territory 11-0, v Tasmania 3-1, v Queensland 0-1 and v Northern NSW 2-0.

Guseppe Russo of Sydney Olympic was the highest scorer with 11 goals.

Steve Refenes, the former Blacktown Academy striker now with Olympic, brought very favourable comments for his play.

Captain Zoran

Noumouski from St George shone in defence. The NSW coach was Johnny Haynes.

INJURIES THWART U15s

NSW ran fifth in the Australian U15 championships which were held in Perth.

The crown went to the Victorians, who touched out home team Western Australia on goal difference.

NSW were in difficulties due to a considerable injury list.

Unfortunately Bill Platikas contracted an infection — not connected with football — and had to remain in hospital when the team returned.

Vice-captain David Barrett was forced to miss three games with injury, and midfielder Trevor Daley returned on crutches.

NSW won three games, drew two and lost one and the goals tallied 11-1.

The NSW results were: v ACT 4-0, v Northern NSW 1-0, v Queensland 0-1, v Western Australia 0-0, v Northern Territory 6-0, v Victoria 0-0, v South Australia 2-3.

In the last game against the South Australians, NSW conceded two penalty kicks and lost another goal from an indirect freekick from inside the penalty box.

However, the Light Blues' hopes for second place had disappeared, as they had seen WA clinch the runners-up spot with an injury time winner over NI.

Victoria won the tournament, following up their U14 success of 1983.

NSW SCHOOLBOYS UNBEATEN

NSW comfortably defeated Queensland 2-0 to take out this year's Australian Schoolboy Championships held in Tasmania last week.

After a successful tour of New Zealand where they only conceded defeat to National League club Christchurch United, NSW looked the goods throughout the schoolboy titles.

In fact, the Blues were undefeated in the competition and only conceded two goals. Coach Glen Powell was ecstatic with the performances from his team.

"They played like a unit in every game," he said.

"All the players stuck to pre-match plans in each game and we really never looked like losing."

"At one stage we had a serious injury problem which unsettled the team

but all the squad stuck to their guns and produced the goods," Powell added.

After the Championships, seven NSW players won selection in the Australian Schools side.

Scott Watson (St George), Martin Driene (Marconi), Scott Grant (Milperra), George Haniotis (Sydney Olympic), Alfredo Carmona (Marconi), Nick Conradi (Manly-Warringah) and David Curley (Wollongong City) were rewarded for their efforts.

Martin Driene was voted "Player of the Championships" along with Queensland's David Hunter.

RESULTS: Round 1: NSW 4 Tasmania 1, Queensland 3 ACT 0, Victoria 3 WA 0. **Rd 2:** NSW 3 Victoria 0, WA 1 Queens-

land 0, ACT 3 Tasmania 2. **Rd 3:** WA 0 Tasmania 0, NSW 1 ACT 0, Queensland 1 Victoria 0. **Rd 4:** NSW 4 WA 1, Victoria 3 ACT 0.

Queensland 4 Tasmania 3. **Rd 5:** NSW 0 Queensland 0, ACT 3 WA 2, Tasmania 2 Victoria 0. **FINAL:** NSW 2 Queensland 0.



□ GEORGE HANIOTIS

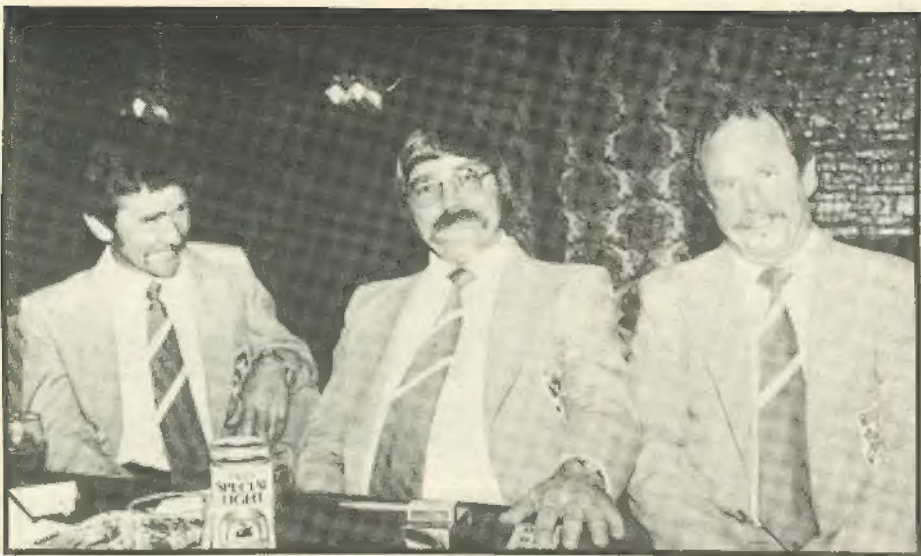
SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.

These can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white and have good contrast, although colour snaps will usually turn out satisfactorily.

The prize are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.





• THE NSW Under 13 team officials look very happy indeed. From left, trainer Ian Lloyd, manager John Hedison and coach Max Groll.

EACH year the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation honours NSW players to compete in the national championships.

Here is ASW's pictorial cover of the 1984 dinner at the St. George Budapest Soccer Club Mortdale.



• A FEW pointers are discussed between NSW U14 coach Johnny Haynes (standing) and coaching director Alan Vest.

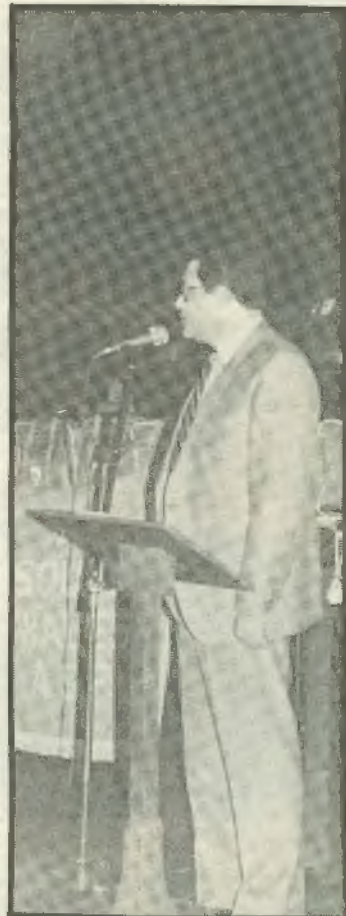


• NATIONAL coach Frank Arok pictured with ASF executive director Brian Emery, who is the former secretary of the National Junior Council.



• THE Sydney Hungarian Dance Group, who entertained the big audience.

• NSW president John Constantine speaks to the NSW representative boys.



• GREG SMYTH pictured with Mrs Smyth. Greg is a director of Overseas Indents Pty Ltd, who handle Mitre brand footballs. Overseas Indents are one of the officially endorsed licensees of the NSW Amateur Federation.



• FROM LEFT: Bob Maundrell, Riverina President and NSW Amateur vice-president, Mrs Denning and Sydney Branch president Harrie Denning.

IMPROVE YOUTH COACHING

YOUTH coaching in Sydney is definitely not good enough, according to longtime enthusiast John Jancek.

Years ago he was one of the original group working at Parklea, which included such well known names as Charles Valentine, Bill Vrolyks and Denes Adrigan.

His travels have taken him to well-known Soccer countries such as Holland,

Belgium and Yugoslavia.

"I watched what went on at clubs such as Dinamo Zagreb and Red Star Belgrade," he said.

"After the talented players turned out as 'Scouts' at 12 years they had four nights a week special training.

"They stayed with their junior clubs but trained with the senior clubs.

"When they turned 15 they went on to the youth teams of the main clubs, where coaching became more intensive."

Jancek contends that the Parklea Academy should

be used for a similar purpose.

He believes that the proliferation of school holiday coaching courses brings very little value and contends that only coaches with top qualifications should control such courses.

TEAM PHOTOS NEEDED

No doubt your team has had a photograph taken. Send it in, together with players' names and possibly brief details of your season.

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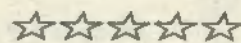
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SOUTH QLD CHAMPS

SOUTH QUEENSLAND won the 1984 women's Soccer championship and went out with a big 5-0 win over Northern Territory.

On the final day of competition, any one of four teams could have won the tournament with NSW, Sth Qld, Sth Aust, all locked on 11 points and Victoria lurking just below with 10.

SA put in their bid early with a goal coming from a

corner. Mary Bratten slipped it past the NT keeper.

Just before half-time, Moya Dodd sent SA further ahead with a solo run slashing a ball into the NT goal. This was followed right on the half-time whistle when Sonja Martens,

the full-back promoted to forward, made it 3-0 for SA.

Tracey Jenkins increased the score to 4-0 before Lisa Rader of Tasmania retrieved the situation somewhat by potting one for her side.

In a game that NSW had to win to take the contest, tension ran high with the stand barracking for the Dark Blues.

It was a scoreless first half with all the drama of a top final and it was not until the fifth minute of the second half that Carol Vinson scored a well-timed goal from the wing.

Nicole Holding, Victoria's 15-year-old keeper, took all that the NSW side could belt at her with the aplomb of a veteran.

Drama came with a scream for 'hand-ball' against NSW: when tall Andrea Martin, the Victorian sweeper, strode up to take the kick, Salmons, the NSW custodian, merely looked at it as the ball swept into the net to the roar of the crowd. The match finished in a 1-1 draw which put NSW out of contention for the title.

In an almost relaxed atmosphere, ACT and Nthn NSW acted out the third game with Julie Murray of ACT scoring the only goal of the game.

In the final match, with South Queensland having to fall over to lose the 1984 title, a procession of goals against Northern Territory commenced.

Lyn Geddes scored at the 10 minute mark, followed by Ly Spencer five minutes later. Kerry Millman added two more in the closing stages of the half and it was left to Michelle Sayers, who has represented Sth Qld for 10 years, to complete the rout in the middle of the second half.

Sth Queensland did not have it their own way when they met WA on the sixth day.

Their only score was from a penalty kick taken by Julie Dolan. The equaliser for WA was by Donella Smith, who headed in from a corner.

Nthn NSW had no hope of getting on top of SA after their keeper, Janelle Renshaw, was injured and replaced by Debra Bonshore, who was unhappy in the wet conditions.

Arlene Moncrieff, front-runner for SA, scored before Bonshore settled down — the only goal of the game.

Victoria romped through Tasmania, with Jane Oakley scoring her sixth goal of the tournament.

Jackie Davey, Debbie Nicholls, Oakley and Cheryl Elvey were responsible for the Victorian 5-0 win.

The strong NSW were frustrated when a determined ACT bottled up their attacks. It was not until the 14th minute that Leigh Wardell scored her first goal.

ACT scored when Shaulna Quirk snapped up a well-timed cross from team-

mate Mateljan, scored from a free-kick in a game that NSW won 3-1.

There was much excitement when Louise Eslakes of Tasmania scored the opening goal against NT. Heavy rain fell during the game which suited the Tasmanian style of play.

NT responded with two goals but just on half-time, Eslake and Lisa Digiovane, Tasmanian forwards, scored and won the game 3-2.

A much improved WA



□ ACTION from the national titles in Canberra.

mate Glenda Hall, Wardell sealed the game 2-1 with a well-judged shot from a free-kick.

The seventh day of the championships commenced on a pitch that was heavy with overnight rain.

SA scored a determined victory over Victoria when Arlene Moncrieff belted a penalty kick home for her side to win 1-0.

Sth Qld played all over the Nthn NSW outfit in a game played in drizzling rain. Bonshore, the 17-year-old keeper for Northern Territory was unsure of herself in the conditions and Lyn Spencer of Sth Qld capitalised, score the winning goal.

NSW hit the front on the competition table when they defeated a much improved WA side.

Carol Vinson scored first with a curving ball from right field, followed by Cindy Heyden whose shot hit the upright and spun inside.

Wardell was brought down inside the penalty box and again Heyden goaled.

The WA captain, Sharon

side was consistent in its win over ACT in the eighth round. Chris Leonard scored their first goal and repeated the dose in the second half for their 2-0 win.

It took Sth Queensland's Lisa Hadley to break the deadlock in the game against Victoria. After a scoreless first half, it was not until the last minute of the game that Hadley scored.

Against a determined NT side, SA had to fight hard to find an opening.

Eventually Moya Dodd for SA scored twice in the first half, with Arlene Moncrieff adding another.

Samantha Drew scored for the Territory from a penalty kick and Moncrieff sealed the match 4-1 with a goal just before full-time.

There was an upset in the last game of the day when Nthn NSW scored an easy win over NSW.

Julie Porter, former NSW player, combined with tear away Renaye Iserief, the robust, extremely fast centre-forward for Northern Territory to score a hat-trick in the 3-0 win.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SO	5	3	0	16	3	13
SA	6	1	1	13	5	13
NSW	5	2	1	20	8	12
VIC	5	1	2	18	4	11
WA	3	0	5	7	7	7
ACT	3	0	5	7	13	6
NNSW	2	1	4	9	7	5
TAS	1	0	7	5	24	2
NT	0	1	7	4	31	1



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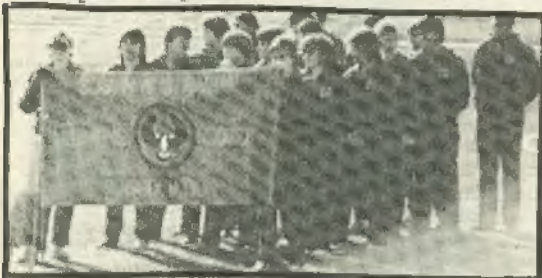
But the girls, especially State and national team players, pay to play.

For example, our national players have to

pay for all their food, accommodation and air fares when representing their country.

Next month, the girls will pay all expenses to tour China. When they come back, they get ready to leave again for Taiwan for the unofficial Women's World Cup.

It will cost them a "bomb."



□ SOUTH AUSTRALIA



□ NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES



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EARLY WARNING FOR HAMBURG'S FLYING SCOT

SV HAMBURG had to start the new West German season without their big capture from Aberdeen, Mark McGhee.

The Scot was serving a suspension after being sent off in a friendly picnic match against an amateur side, Ziegenhain. McGhee's alleged offence was retaliation, but it was taken seriously enough for him to cop a two-month suspension.

Hamburg coach Ernst

Happel protested bitterly about the severity of the sentence and it was reduced to three weeks.

Even so, Hamburg will think twice in future before accepting good cash offers for pre-season games against "unknown" teams.

HUNGARY IN RAT RACE

HUNGARY used to boast that it had the greatest footballers in the world — and all were amateurs.

It was never quite clear how superstars like Puskas, Kocsis, Hidegkuti and the rest could be called amateurs, but the pretence persisted right up till recently.

Hungary has now, finally, decided to embrace professional soccer.

Players will be paid up to \$25,000 a year. Transfer fees will also be paid when players switch clubs but there will be a ceiling on the fees. No player can be sold for more than \$23,000.



WEST GERMANY's Coaches Federation has complained formally to the Football Federation (DFB) about the appointment of Franz Beckenbauer as national team coach.

The complaint was inspired by the fact that Beckenbauer has not passed any coaching examinations and, indeed, has not sat for any.



PFAFF'S INJURY WORRY

BAYERN MUNICH's Belgian international goalkeeper, Jean-Marie Pfaff, refused an offer to play for the USA's glamour team, New York Cosmos.

But playing for Bayern, he was seriously injured a few days after refusing the Cosmos offer.

The problem meant a hernia operation and Pfaff is resigned to missing at least the first six games of the new season.



FINITO FOR DINO

DINO ZOFF has had enough of the goalkeeper-coaching position with Juventus and has told the club he doesn't want to do it any more.

Zoff told Juventus the job was "boring and far from fulfilling."

But he wants to stay on the staff of the famous Turin club and hopes they'll find another way to utilise his services... and keep the pay packets coming.

ITALY's stage and TV stars, aged from 30 to 60, suffered a crushing defeat in a friendly fixture. They were beaten 5-3 by Juventus' women's side!

PLENTY of people lose their heads when it comes to Soccer, but that's not a joke if you play in Iran.

It's reported that Habib Khabiri, Iran's national team skipper, has been executed for alleged terrorist activity.

MAGNUS BERGS became the seventh player from Iceland to play as a professional in Europe when he signed recently for Eintracht Braunschweig.

JAN JONGBLOED was described as a veteran when he was surprisingly chosen as Holland's number one goalkeeper in the 1974 World Cup in Germany.

But Jongbloed is still playing top Soccer in Holland. He is with the Go Ahead club of Deventer — playing first division football at the age of 43.

DANISH star Jan Molby, who has been playing with Ajax in Holland, was signed by Liverpool on the eve of the new season.

Molby, 21, cost \$300,000. He is a midfielder and must be another threat to Craig Johnston's first team ambitions at Anfield.

PORTUGUESE BID FOR CROOKS

SPORTING LISBON, the top Portuguese club, paid a trip to Tottenham Hotspur in the hope of signing forward Garth Crooks.

They came away empty-handed. Spurs decided they didn't want to sell Crooks.

It was a big disappointment for John Toshack, the former Liverpool and Wales star, who is now manager of Sporting.

The Portuguese club offered \$240,000 for Crooks.

PRIME MINISTER NEXT STEP?

NOTHING is too good for Michel Hidalgo since he coached France to win the European Championship recently.

After retiring as national coach, Hidalgo was offered the job of Minister of Sport in the French Government.

Surprisingly, he turned down that offer to enter the political arena. Hidalgo prefers to stick with his present job as technical adviser to the French Football Federation.

BRAZIL DOWN

THE top club side in South America wins the Copa de Libertadores, with Independiente of Argentina this year's winners.

It is surprising how rarely Brazil — the world's greatest footballing nation — has supplied the winning team.

Here is the up-to-date merit list for each nation:

Argentina... 13 victories
Uruguay... 6
Brazil... 5
Paraguay... 1

The Brazilians could claim that their outstanding players are often spirited away to other countries — Italy in particular.

On the other hand, similar defections from domestic Soccer have been felt for many years by Argentina.

BONHOF CHASES STARS

RAINER BONHOF, one of Germany's greatest players of recent years, has been granted a testimonial by Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Bonhof's career was ended by serious injury.

He is hoping to assemble some of the world's biggest name players for his Testimonial game. Bonhof has already signed up Tony Woodcock, Henning Jensen and Berndt Schuster and is currently negotiating with the world's number one, Maradona.

RIGHT: RAINER BONHOF plans a super testimonial.





□ STEVE COPPELL: wants competition at Crystal Palace.

MATURE THOUGHTS FROM YOUNG MAN

STEVE COPPELL, at 29 the youngest manager in England, is anxious to put his new club, Crystal Palace, on the football map.

"What I want here is a really competitive attitude where every player looks over his shoulder at someone else who badly wants a place in the side," said Coppell.

The former Manchester United and England star winger, despite having 42 English international caps in his cupboard, is modest enough to say he was never a great player.

"What I had was the drive to get the utmost out of my career by giving everything I had," said Coppell. "And now, as a man-

ager, I want to get the maximum out of my Palace players."

Serious recurring injuries on his left knee brought a

premature end to Steve Coppell's playing days but he is made of the right stuff to become a big success in the boss's chair.

OUT IN THE COLD

THERE are nice ways of sacking a manager — and not such nice ways.

Burnley have been criticised strongly for the way they handled the dismissal of club boss John Bond.

During the board meeting to discuss Bond's future, the press had to wait outside the ground on the

pavement. When Bond arrived, he had to wait 20 minutes to get into the ground before his assistant John Benson arrived with a key.

Bond surely deserved to get the boot in a more dignified fashion.

LEE'S FOURTH GO IN TOP CLASS

PLENTY of people will be keen to see how Lee Chapman performs with his new club, Sheffield Wednesday.

Life went sour for Chapman after he moved to Arsenal for a fee of \$800,000 from Stoke City.

He could hardly put a foot right with Arsenal and was allowed to join Sunderland for only \$160,000.

But this goalscoring forward fared no better on Wearside and was delighted when Sunderland agreed to let him join Wednesday for a similar \$160,000.

"Every experience shapes your character and I am now mentally tougher than I was at Highbury and Roker Park where I had such unhappy times," said Chapman.

Wednesday took a huge gamble by buying Chapman but the player is determined to succeed and erase from his memory the last two frustrating years.

He said: "Nobody has to tell me I am lucky to be

starting out again with my fourth first division team. I hope to show my gratitude in the best way I can... with goals."

THESE GAMES DON'T MIX

PHIL NEALE, the Lincoln City full-back, is the only professional sportsman in Britain still earning a living from both Soccer and Cricket.

At one time, many players used to have a year-round income from the two sports but, as Soccer spread its tentacles into May and June for tours and also early August, it became almost impossible to play both sports seriously.

Phil Neale is the one survivor of the two-sports brigade.

He is captain of Worcester's County Cricket side and is keen to see out the season before switching to



NOT A GOOD BET

THAT well-known judge of horse flesh, punter Mick Channon, claims the odds against Liverpool winning the championship are unreal.

"Bookies are offering 7 to 4, but I'd want at least 5 to 1 to back Liverpool," said Channon, recently returned from a New Zealand trip.

Playing for Norwich City, Channon was in a good position to assess Liverpool's chances after playing against the Merseysiders in the first game of the season.

"I think they are more vulnerable than they've been for a long time," summed up Mick.

UNITED TIPPED TO WIN

MAYBE it could be the bias of an old player, but Denis Law has come out strongly to tip Manchester United for the first division championship.

"I believe Ron Atkinson's high-priced squad will finally end Liverpool's domination — and Arsenal are my dark horses," says Law.

The former United and

Scotland wizard, however, warns United not to become too obsessed with the idea of winning the title.

"Everybody knows how desperate United are to get the championship," says

Law, "but this could handicap them if they hit a rough spell."

Law made his prediction just before the season opened and could not have been feeling too confident about it after the Red Devils kicked off with four draws... the loss of eight early points.

□ DENIS LAW: tips for title.



THE Irish are reputed to be great fighters, but it seems they don't get involved in the rough stuff as footballers.

Last season there were 177 players sent off in the Football League but only three of them, Eamonn Deacy, Terry Cochrane and Mal Donaghy, were Irishmen.

HERE's an Irish story with a continental flavour. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, now with Inter Milan, is taking a crash course in the Italian language.

And who is teaching him? Inter team-mate Liam Brady, the little Dublin leprechaun!

WOODCOCK HAS TALKS

ARSENAL want to sign Tony Woodcock to a life contract to make sure he doesn't get spirited away to the Continent again.

Woodcock cost the Gunners \$800,000 when they brought him back from Germany's FC Cologne and in two seasons he has been top goalscorer at the London club.

There is still another year to run on his contract but Woodcock has already been approached by man-

ager Don Howe to sign up again.

"We are determined to keep Tony at Highbury. I want him on a long-term contract to end all speculation about his future," said Howe.

Woodcock is a great favourite of the Arsenal fans.



JOE IN SLOW START

FORMER A.C. Milan forward Joe Jordan did not kick-off with a bang in his first outing for new club Southampton.

The Scottish World Cup player had trouble fitting in with his new team-mates in the game against Sunderland which Saints lost 3-1.

Jordan produced only one dangerous header. He was also booked for a tackle on Sunderland's new signing Howard Gayle.



MYSTERY MEN

MATCH programmes are supposed to inform the public — and the most important information in them is the team line-up.

Things are handled differently at Swindon Town, though. Their match programme for the opening fourth division match against Wrexham had a blank space where the Swindon team should have been listed.

New manager Lou Macari explained: "That's

how it's going to be for our home matches. I'm not having any of my players getting overnight pre-match notions that they're automatic choices."

By the way, Swindon fans have to pay 75 cents for the programme which does not list their players!